



Fine Netsuke & Sagemono (NE0422)

Fri, 22nd Apr 2022

Viewing:

You may view objects in this auction in our gallery from 19 April to 22 April 2022. We are open Monday to Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM CET, as well as by appointment. On the day of the sale, the viewing will be open until 1 PM CET.

Lot 150

Starting price: €800

Estimate: €1500

MINKO: AN INLAID EBONY WOOD NETSUKE OF A FLY ON ROTTING NASUBI

By a follower of Tanaka Juntoku Minko (1735-1816), signed Minko □□

Japan, Tsu, mid-19th century, Edo period (1615-1868)

Two nasubi (eggplants) are nestled inside a large leaf, the area around the stems masterfully stippled, a small area of the skin rotting away revealing the well-carved fleshy interior, an aogai (mother-of-pearl) fly has landed there to feast. Two further crescent-shaped aogai-inlays to the area which connects the stem and fruit. The underside with large, asymmetrical himotoshi and the signature within an aogai plaque MINKO.

LENGTH 4.2 cm

Condition: Excellent condition.

Provenance: French private collection.