



## 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 195

**Starting price:** €800

**Estimate:** €1500

### A FINE EDO SCHOOL WOOD NETSUKE OF A BOY WITH SHISHIMAI MASK

Signed with a kakihan

Japan, Edo (Tokyo), 19<sup>th</sup> century, Edo period (1615-1868)

Well carved as a seated boy removing his shishimai mask, the flexible fabric of the mask superbly executed as the boy pulls the mask off his head, his face with a fine expression and glass-inlaid eyes, the mask detailed with a fierce expression, bulging eyes, bared teeth, bushy brows, and floppy ears. Natural himotoshi and signed to the underside with a kakihan (artist's monogram).

LENGTH 3.4 cm

Condition: Very good condition with minor wear and few minuscule nicks.

Provenance: French private collection.

### Literature comparison:

Compare two related wood netsuke depicting the same subject by Miwa, illustrated in Meinertzhagen, Frederick / Lazarnick, George (1986) MCI, Part A, p. 565 and 570.