



Fine Netsuke & Sagemono (NE0422)

Fri, 22nd Apr 2022

Viewing:

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Lot 221

Starting price: €1200

Estimate: €2500

¥ SHUNSUI: A RARE IVORY NETSUKE OF A SLEEPING HARE

By Shunsui, signed Shunsui □□
Japan, Tokyo, Meiji period (1868-1912)

The rabbit curled up in a fetal position with all limbs placed close together, the eyes closed and the long floppy ears relaxed, the smooth body with subtle incision work, the back with two asymmetrical himotoshi and the signature SHUNSUI.

LENGTH 4.5 cm

Condition: Good condition with some surface wear, few minor age cracks, traces of use.

Provenance: A private collection in the Rhineland, Germany, acquired between 1960 and 1990.

While some animals are commonly depicted sleeping, such as cats, the depiction of a sleeping hare appears to be extremely rare.

Trade Certificate: The trade certificate for the sale of this lot within the EU has been granted (permit number AT 22-B-0091).