



Fine Netsuke & Sagemono (NE0422)

Fri, 22nd Apr 2022

Viewing:

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Lot 16

Starting price: €6000

Estimate: €12000

¥ A GOOD IVORY NETSUKE OF A DUTCHMAN WITH DOG

Unsigned

Japan, 18th century, Edo period (1615-1868)

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Well-carved as an unnaturally happy Dutchman wearing an unusual and ornately decorated, cloud-pattern robe and flower-petaled hat, the coat opened in the front revealing a somewhat strange shirt and bib arrangement. The foreigner's head is twisted sideways in a striking pose, his mouth is opened with cacophonous laughter as he points to a spot which has been soiled by a piglet-like, smooth dog which he holds in his other hand, nestled against his shoulder, studiously ignoring the scene of its recent crime. Large himotoshi to the back, the ivory bearing a superb patina.

HEIGHT 8.6 cm

Condition: Very good condition, minor wear, few expected age cracks.

An unusually humorous, striking, and pleasingly individual netsuke, signifying both the fascination and distaste held by the Japanese of the Dutch, who were the only foreigners permitted in Japan during the Edo period, confined to the island of Deshima.

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