



## 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 169

**Starting price:** €4000

**Estimate:** €8000

‡ **A RARE IVORY SHUNGA NETSUKE OF A SLEEPING OKAME AND BOY WITH HARIKATA**

Unsigned

Japan, 18<sup>th</sup> century, Edo period (1615-1868)

**Published:** Barry Davies Oriental Art (1996) Netsuke from the Teddy Hahn Collection, p. 21, no. 15.

Finely carved and superbly stained to depict Okame sleeping, her head resting on one hand, her kimono tied with a broad sash and decorated with diapered designs, her neatly incised hair tied up into a mushroom-shaped topknot, a blissful expression on her finely rendered face, a diminutive boy in a cloud-patterned robe reaching across her ample hips and lifting the hem of her robe with one hand, holding a harikata (artificial phallus) in the other, about to disturb the peaceful slumber of Okame. The subtle incision work heightened with sumi-e. The underside with two large, asymmetrical himotoshi.

LENGTH 6.1 cm

Condition: Very good condition with minor wear and associated age cracks.

**Provenance:** Ex-collection Teddy Hahn, Darmstadt. Barry Davies Oriental Art, Netsuke from the Teddy Hahn Collection, 9-22 November 1996, London. David Burditt, Datchett, England, acquired from the above. Peter Maslen, United Kingdom, acquired from the above.

### Literature comparison:

Compare a related wood netsuke depicting Okame posing as a Chinese doctor's model, illustrated in Bushell, Raymond (1961) *The Netsuke Handbook* by Ueda Reikichi, p. 138, fig. 132. Compare a closely related ivory netsuke depicting a sleeping Okame, the child climbing over her holding a mask, illustrated in Coullery, Marie-Therese and Newstead, Martin S. (1977) *The Baur Collection*, pp. 58-59, no. C 8.

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