



## 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 268

**Starting price:** €3000

**Estimate:** €6000

### ¥ KOKUSAI: A SUPERB IVORY NETSUKE OF VINE-OVERGROWN TEMPLE GONG

By Ozaki Kokusai (1835-1892), signed Koku □  
Japan, Shiba, Tokyo, c. 1860-1880

**Published:** Moss, Sydney L. (2016) Kokusai The Genius: and Stag-antler Carving in Japan, vol. II, no. 142.

Very finely carved as a decayed and discarded temple gong of flattened mokugyo type, a single suspension loop remaining, the other evidently lost a long time ago, the front decorated with a central lotus medallion, the material almost appearing like stag antler, a low relief kiri vine has overgrown the gong, leaf and tendril coiling across it and extending with further large leaves to the verso. To the interior of the "broken" reverse, half-observed behind the overgrown leaves and vines, is the square sunken relief seal KOKU. Natural himotoshi. The ivory is beautifully stained.

LENGTH 4.2 cm

Condition: Excellent condition, the losses and wear are simulated.

**Trade Certificate:** The trade certificate for the sale of this lot within the EU has been granted (permit number AT 22-B-0251).