



## Asian Art Discoveries - Japanese Art (AK0922)

Thu, 1st Sep 2022

### Viewing:

You may view objects in this auction in our new gallery from 25 August to 1 September, 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 preview will be open until 11 AM.

## Lot 28

**Starting price:** €2000

**Estimate:** €4000

### A SUPERB MINIATURE CLOISSONÉ ENAMEL BOX AND COVER

Japan, late 19<sup>th</sup> century, Meiji period (1868-1912)

The silver-mounted octagonal box with a faceted cover, masterfully worked with polychrome enamels and silver wire, depicting various stylized floral diapered patterns arranged in neatly enameled panels of alternating color. The lid with a central octagonal reserve depicting a majestic phoenix showing all the various colored enamels used throughout the design of the box, against a bright yellow ground.

SIZE 4 x 3.8 x 3.5 cm

WEIGHT 91 g

Condition: Very good condition with minor old wear. The box: Perfect condition. The lid: Minuscule hairlines to the edge of two panels. One panel with two microscopic, restored areas, all of which is only noticeable under strong UV-light and magnification. [Please request additional images made under UV-light from us].

Provenance: US private collection.

The box and cover are designed in a clever way so that the lid can only be fitted on the box when the panels of the same color are matched.

### Auction comparison:

Compare to a very similar miniature box and cover by Namikawa Yasuyuki, yet arguably considerably less fine than the present example, sold at Christie's, Japanese and Korean Art, 18 September 2013, New York, lot 776 (**sold for 21,250 USD**).