



Fine Japanese Art (JAP0621)

Fri, 4th Jun 2021

Viewing:

You may view objects in this auction in our gallery from 25 May to 4 June, 2021. 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 from 10 AM to 1 PM. FFP2 masks are required.

Lot 161

Starting price: €2000

Estimate: €4000

Y YOSHIUJI: A MASSIVE IVORY OKIMONO OF BENTEN

By Yoshiuji, signed Yoshiuji
Japan, Meiji period (1868-1912)

The Goddess of Music and Literature finely carved standing and holding a large uchiwa (fan) with a paintbrush at the end, wearing a long flowing robe and scarf around the shoulders, richly adorned in beaded jewelry centered by a butterfly design, the neatly incised hair arranged in an elaborate coiffure surmounted by a phoenix headdress, the serene face with gently arched eyebrows above heavy-lidded eyes and full lips forming a subtle smile, the underside with the signature YOSHIUJI.

HEIGHT 29.4 cm

Condition: Excellent condition with only minor surface wear and very few small natural age cracks.

Provenance: British collection.

Auction comparison:

Compare a smaller (23 cm high) ivory okimono by the same carver at Bonhams, Fine Japanese Art, 7 November 2013, London, lot 389 (**sold for 3,125 GBP**).