



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 104

Starting price: €2000

Estimate: €4000

A LACQUER SUZURIBAKO WITH FISH WRAPPED IN LOTUS LEAF

Japan, 19th century, Edo period (1615-1868)

Published: Little, Stephen / Lewis, Edmund J. (2011) View of the Pinnacle: Japanese Lacquer Writing Boxes: The Lewis Collection of Suzuribako, Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, cat. no. 29.

Of rectangular form with canted edges, finely decorated in gold and silver takamaki-e and mother-of-pearl inlays with fish, seashells, and seaweed wrapped in a lotus leaf, with further seaweed and shells to the side, all against a roiro ground, the gold-lacquered edge with fine takamaki-e showing scrolling vines, the interior of the cover with a Mandarin duck (oshidori) on a rocky outpost, a second oshidori diving into the crashing waves below, and sparrows in a blossoming plum tree and camellias against a nashiji ground, the box fitted with two small compartments decorated with flowers and leaves as well as a rectangular inkstone and a pewter water dropper (suiteki) with peony blossoms.

SIZE 17 x 15.9 x 3.8 cm

Condition: Excellent condition with only minor surface wear, some rubbing to lacquer particular to the edges.

Provenance: Collection of Drs. Edmund and Julie Lewis. Old collector's label 'Lewis Collection 55' to the underside.