



## 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 129

**Starting price:** €2500

**Estimate:** €5000

### A RARE MANDARA OF BATO KANNON, EARLY EDO

Japan, 17th-18th century, Edo period (1615-1868)

Mounted onto silk brocade and framed in black-lacquered wood, the central image is neatly executed in tempera, ink and gilt on paper. Depicted is Bato, the horse-headed Kannon, Hayagriva in Sanskrit, who is one of the transformations of Kannon Bosatsu into the Six Deities of Mercy (Roku Kannon). Exactly like Hayagriva, she has a fierce expression, which is extremely rare for a Kannon shown on a Mandara (Mandala). Note the superb execution and detail applied to Bato Kannon's two attendants, the four wrathful deities in the four medallions to each corner, and also the two Hiten (Apsara).

SIZE 26 x 24.5 cm (image), 72.5 x 44 cm (overall)

Condition: Fine condition with some old wear, minor stains and soiling, minimal losses and creases. Traces of use and wear to mounting.

**Provenance:** Property from the Collection of Martin Cohen, New York. Collector, dealer, and connoisseur of exceptional design, Martin Cohen influenced tastes for more than 40 years. His Madison Avenue gallery brought him into close contact with many important artists, among them Andy Warhol, Yves Saint Laurent and Paloma Picasso. He claims never to have missed an opportunity to acquire something he desired – even if it was an object he knew little about – for he believed each new possession has something new to teach. This mantra has allowed him to amass a museum-worthy collection of which he has loaned works to the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Getty, the Corning and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

### Auction comparison:

Compare with a closely related larger Mandara, sold in these rooms, Fine Chinese Art, Buddhism and Hinduism, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, lot 697 (sold for 19,520 EUR).