



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 108

Starting price: €1250

Estimate: €2500

A SUPERB FAN-SHAPED LACQUER KOGO (INCENSE BOX)

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

The box and cover in the form of a fan, the cover with red takamaki-e showing two naturalistically crafted spiny lobsters (ebi) on a kinji ground, the fan blades crafted from silver, the exterior sides with crashing waves on nashiji, the interior and underside also with nashiji.

LENGTH 10.5 cm

Condition: Good condition with minor wear, the cover with a small chip and several minor cracks.

Provenance: From the Collection of Nils Erdmann (born 1919), Stockholm, and thence by descent.

The quality of lacquered lobsters is quite remarkable, almost reminiscent of works by Shibata Zeshin (1807-1891), the lobster being a favored subject of Zeshin. Furthermore, the fan-shaped design is rather rare and highly sought-after by collectors.

Auction comparison:

Compare a related but larger lacquer fan-shaped box, depicting a different subject, at Christie's, Japanese and Korean Art, 20 March 2007, New York, lot 134 (**sold for 4,800 USD**).