



Fine Netsuke & Sagemono (NE0421)

Fri, 16th Apr 2021

Lot 30

Starting price: €750

Estimate: €1500

A WOOD NETSUKE OF A NAKED MAN TYING HIS FUNDOSHI

Unsigned

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

The naked man visibly struggling to tie his fundoshi, presumably after a bath, one hand holding it in place to the front and the other grabbing the other end to the back. The wood of an appealing color with a good patina. One leg is slightly lifted, yet the netsuke stands perfectly as the endpiece of the towel supports it. Natural himotoshi.

HEIGHT 7.5 cm

Condition: Excellent condition.

Provenance: US private collection. Purchased at Sotheby's, Fine Japanese Works of Art, 13 November 1985, London, lot 625.

Literature comparison:

This model is rather uncommon in wood, a related netsuke in ivory is in the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, formerly in the Bushell collection, accession no. 91.250.167.

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