



Fine Netsuke & Sagemono (NE0421)

Fri, 16th Apr 2021

Lot 48

Starting price: €1500

Estimate: €3000

Y OKATOMO: AN IVORY NETSUKE OF TWO QUAILS ON MILLET

By Yamaguchi Okatomo, signed Okatomo 岡友
Japan, Kyoto, early 19th century, Edo period (1615-1868)

A classic model by Okatomo depicting two quails, side by side and facing in different directions, perched on two large heads of leafy millet, one of the leaves forming the himotoshi underneath and housing the signature OKATOMO. Both birds with neatly incised plumage and minutely inlaid eyes of dark horn.

LENGTH 4.1 cm

Condition: Excellent condition.

Provenance: Ex-collection Adrienne Barbanson, purchased in Kyoto in 1956 and sold at Bonhams, Fine Netsuke from the Adrienne Barbanson Collection, 13 May 2013, London, lot 30 (sold for 7,250 GBP).