



Fine Netsuke & Sagemono (NE0421)

Fri, 16th Apr 2021

Lot 113

Starting price: €750

Estimate: €1500

¥ AN INLAID WOOD NETSUKE OF KIYOHIME, ATTRIBUTED TO MINKO

Attributed to Tanaka Juntoko Minko (1735-1816), unsigned
Japan, Tsu, first half of 19th century, Edo period (1615-1868)

Depicting the wrathful Kiyohime with finely carved long hair, as a serpentine monster pursuing the priest Anchin in her rage and wrapping her scaly body around the Dojo-ji temple bell. Her face and hands are inlaid in ivory, the pupils are inlaid in dark horn at the corners. The handle of the bell, made from a different type of wood, is surmounted by two dragon heads and a tama. Himotoshi underneath Kiyohime and underneath the bell, the latter ringed in bone. Additionally, there is a peg for cord attachment on the inside of the removable handle.

LENGTH 5.5 cm

Condition: Excellent condition with minuscule surface wear.
Provenance: British private collection.

Auction comparison:

A related netsuke by Minko was sold at Zacke, Fine Netsuke, Sagemono & Okimono, 24 November 2018, Vienna, lot 70 (sold for 8,670 EUR).