



Fine Netsuke & Sagemono (NE0421)

Fri, 16th Apr 2021

Lot 32

Starting price: €1250

Estimate: €2500

KIYOSHI: A LARGE EBONY NETSUKE OF GAMA SENNIN AND HIS TOAD

By Kiyoshi, signed Kiyoshi 精

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

Published: Katchen (2010) Netsuke 7, vol. 2, p. 249, no. K942 (erroneously transcribed as Seibei)

The sennin kneeling and holding his toad in front of him with both hands. The sennin's facial features, hair, muscles, and emaciated rib cage are well-carved, as are the toad's features. Two large himotoshi to the back. Signed in seal form KIYOSHI to the side of the immortal's belly.

Condition: Good condition with minor wear, few minuscule nicks, and occasional light scratches.

Provenance: Ex-collection Julius and Arlette Katchen, Paris.

HEIGHT 6.6 cm

Literature comparison:

This rare maker is recorded on a netsuke of a carp in Bushell (1961) *The Netsuke Handbook* of Ueda Reikichi, p. 185, no. 191 and Lazarnick (1981) *Netsuke & Inro Artists, and How to Read Their Signatures*, vol. 1, p. 626, with a large illustration of his signature. The carp is now in the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, accession number M.91.250.34.