



## Fine Japanese Art (JAP0621)

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### 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 101

**Starting price:** €3000

**Estimate:** €6000

### AN IMPRESSIVE LACQUER SUZURIBAKO DEPICTING TEKKAI SENNIN

Japan, 18<sup>th</sup> century, Edo period (1615-1868)

Of rectangular form with canted edges decorated in red and gold hiramaki-e with evenly spaced sinuously coiled dragons, the cover in black and gold takamaki-e depicting Tekkai Sennin looking upwards, holding a gnarled staff, and carrying two double-gourds on his back, all on a roiro ground, the interior of the cover with a monkey seated on a rocky outpost above crashing waves, looking up at the tree on a cliff above him, all beneath a half-full moon and against a black and gold nashiji ground repeated to the interior of the box fitted with two small compartments for writing utensils as well as a rectangular inkstone, signed Nakamura Chobei with a kakihan, and a shaped gilt copper water dropper depicting a clam and crashing waves.

With a wood hakogaki (storage box) with inscriptions: Hakogaki to storage box: "Makie, On-suzuribako, Ji kuro sennin no zu" [Makie lacquer, suzuribako, with the design of an immortal on a black background].

SIZE 4.5 x 20.8 x 23 cm

Condition: Excellent condition with only minor surface wear.  
Provenance: British collection.