



Fine Netsuke & Sagemono (NE0421)

Fri, 16th Apr 2021

Lot 1

Starting price: €750

Estimate: €1500

Υ A GOOD IVORY NETSUKE OF A SLEEPING SARUMAWASHI AND THIEVING MONKEY

Unsigned

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

Of compact and elegantly curved form, boldly carved as a reclining monkey trainer, his head resting on his right hand as he sleeps with a content smile on his face, blissfully unaware of his cheeky monkey reaching over his body attempting to steal some food from the basket at his side, the back with two generously excavated himotoshi. A particularly impressive example of this classic motif, of relatively large size and exceptional detail, with a superb and lustrous patina with spots of honey.

LENGTH 6.2 cm

Condition: Very good condition with minor surface wear, natural age cracks.

Provenance: Old Viennese private collection.