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“LEFT BEHIND BY SPIRIT GUESTS 儂客採餘”

Bonhams is delighted to offer this selection of 70 extraordinary works of art, from both China and Japan, that celebrate the shared East Asian practice of steeped-tea drinking, called *sencha* in Japan.

Sencha differs profoundly from the more familiar *chanoyu*—commonly referred to in English as the “Tea Ceremony”—which is centered around *matcha*, tea leaves ground into powder and whisked with hot water so that the actual leaves are included in the beverage. In *sencha* (simmered or steeped tea), by contrast, whole leaves, processed through steaming and drying but not ground, are added to near-boiling water and only the flavored liquid is consumed. The term *sencha* can refer in general to tea made with such whole leaves—the tea that, drunk hot or cold, remains an essential component of Japanese daily life both at home and at work—but in its narrower sense it denotes a style of formalized tea drinking introduced to Japan from China in the seventeenth century. During the closing decades of the Ming dynasty, a succession of charismatic religious leaders, priests of the Huangbo (in Japanese, Ōbaku) sect of Chan (Zen) Buddhism, fled their traditional center in Fujian province and crossed the sea to Japan, bringing with them not just an invigorated spiritual offering but also this new way of enjoying tea that had grown in popularity in China during the preceding centuries.

While the Chinese Abbot Yinyuan (in Japanese, Ingen, 1592–1673), founder of the Ōbaku sect in Japan, is believed to have introduced *sencha* to Japan, it was a Japanese Ōbaku priest who is credited with promoting its wider appreciation. In 1724 Baisaō (literally, “The Old Tea-Seller,” 1675–1763) left his temple and traveled to Kyoto where, still a priest, he began selling cups of tea at the city’s beauty spots, carrying all his equipment around in a woven bamboo basket. The appeal of *sencha* may not merely be in the drink but also in its Chinese associations: although the actual rituals of contemporary Chinese tea-drinking could not be fully known in Japan, a country largely cut off from the outside world during the eighteenth century, the early Japanese followers of *sencha* admired the Chinese ideal of the scholar-gentleman and added the formal drinking of steeped tea to other “Sinitic” cultural activities such as ink painting in the Nanga style, supposedly based on Chinese exemplars, and the composition of *kanshi* and *kanshibun*, verse and prose written in Chinese. Paintings and poems were shared *sencha* parties, held in physical spaces emulating continental craftsmanship and design, that aimed to recreate the atmosphere and aesthetic of a cultivated gathering of Chinese scholars.

Throughout the nineteenth century the very simplicity of *sencha*, in comparison to *chanoyu*, helped it spread beyond the Kyoto-Osaka elite to a broader spectrum of Japanese society, spurring demand for all kinds of utensils, deliberately different from those for *chanoyu* and fashioned from bamboo, ceramic, rootwood, lacquer, or more exotic materials. With the dawn of the Meiji era (1868–1912) and the ending of Japan’s policy of relative seclusion, ease of travel to the mainland enabled *sencha* aficionados to acquire a wider range of Chinese artifacts, with a particular emphasis on the charismatic *ruyi* (in Japanese *nyoi*) scepters that feature so prominently in this sale. While Japan’s rapid modernization caused some other facets of traditional Asian culture to recede into the background, the early decades of the twentieth century witnessed the highpoint of *sencha*, as attested by inscriptions on the *tomobako* storage boxes for many of the lots in this sale. Among the prominent cultural figures who either wrote the inscriptions or are mentioned in them are the great painter Tomioka Tessai and his namesake the carver and antiquarian Kanō Tessai; bamboo artists Yamamoto Shōen and Hayakawa Shōkosai; the leading *sencha* master Sakata Shūken; Tanomura Chokunyū, another prominent painter; and the metalworker Hata Zōroku.

Lot 5030 is a curiously shaped Japanese scepter fashioned from cloth soaked in lacquer which was modeled before the lacquer set, an ancient technique originally used for some of Japan’s earliest Buddhist images. The scepter’s accompanying silk wrapper evokes an exclusive but lively artistic milieu, with inscriptions and paintings by several of the talented individuals listed above, and the lid of its storage box is brushed with the intriguing title *Senkyaku saiyo* 儂客採餘 (in Chinese, *Xianke caiyu*). This phrase, often seen on early twentieth-century Japanese boxes for *sencha* utensils, refers to *reishi* (in Chinese, *lingzhi*), the curiously shaped tree-fungus long believed to confer immortality. Roughly translatable as “Left Behind by Spirit Guests,” the phrase evokes a *sennin* (in Chinese, *Xianjen*) or divine being who came down to earth in search of *reishi* and left a small piece of the divine foodstuff behind for the use of ordinary mortals.

We now invite our clients to bid for these intriguing, beautiful spirit gifts that transcend national borders, and to use them to create their own cultivated but impromptu cultural moments.

Joe Earle



5001

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A BAMBOO SCEPTER

China, Ming (1368–1644) or Qing dynasty (1644–1912), 17th–18th century

The golden-hued natural bamboo rhizome twisting and curling to resemble a *lingzhi* fungus

With a Japanese wooden *tomobako* storage box, the exterior of the lid inscribed *Kochiku nyoi* 古竹如意 (Scepter made from old bamboo), the interior of the lid with an attestation by Yamamoto Chikyuryōsai II 二代山本竹龍齋 to the effect that the scepter was a treasured possession of Shōen 笙園 (Yamamoto Chikyuryōsai I 初代山本竹龍齋, 1868–1950), praising its perfect shape and expressing the writer's intention to preserve and cherish it, signed *Chikyuryōsai* 竹龍齋 with seal *Yama Takesada in* 山武貞印 (Seal of Yama[moto] Takesada)
10 1/8in (25.9cm) long

US\$2,000 - 3,000



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A HARDWOOD SCEPTER

China, Qing dynasty (1644–1912), late 17th–18th century

Carved in well-patinated sandalwood as a *lingzhi* fungus, a smaller stem branching off the larger stem handle

With a Japanese wooden storage box
14 3/4in (37.4cm) long

US\$5,000 - 7,000

Provenance

Yamamoto Chikyuryōsai I 初代山本竹龍齋 (Shōen 笙園, 1868–1945)
Yamamoto Chikyuryōsai II 二代山本竹龍齋 (Takesada 武貞, active circa 1929–1955)
The earlier of the two recorded owners of this scepter, Yamamoto Shōen of Osaka, was one of the most renowned bamboo artists of his time, one of three such specialists in Japan specifically praised by the German design theorist Bruno Taut, who lived in Japan from 1933 to 1936; see Bruno Taut (Manfred Speidel ed.), *Japans Kunst aus europäischen Augen gesehen* (Japanese Art Seen Through Western Eyes), Berlin, Gebr. Mann Verlag, 2011, p. 118, and Melissa Rinne, *Masters of Bamboo: Artistic Lineage in the Lloyd Cotsen Japanese Basket Collection*, San Francisco, Asian Art Museum, 2007, pp. 115.



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A BAMBOO SCEPTER

Chinese, Qing dynasty (1644-1912), 17th-18th century

The golden-hued, twisting bamboo rhizome, its head formed from a series of 180-degree bends, pierced with a copper-alloy eyelet to hold a cord

With a Japanese wooden storage box
15 3/4in (40cm) long

US\$6,000 - 8,000



5004 (detail)

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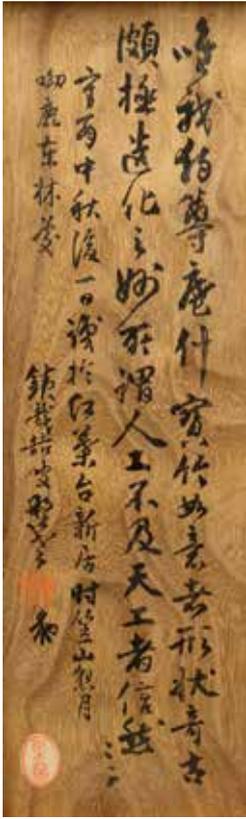
A BAMBOO SCEPTER

China, Ming dynasty (1368-1644), 17th century

The scepter formed from a natural bamboo rhizome with a rich golden-brown patina, the twisted end resembling a *lingzhi* fungus. With a double Japanese wooden *tomobako* storage box, the exterior of the outer lid inscribed *Take nyoï* 竹如意 (Bamboo scepter), the interior of the inner box lid inscribed 唯我独尊庵什宝竹如意者形状奇古頗極造化之妙所謂人工不及天工者信然 (The form of this bamboo scepter, a treasure of the Yuigadokuson-an [a hermitage named for the first words of Shakyamuni Buddha after he was born from his mother's side], is an extremely wondrous curiosity of nature such as the hand of man could surely never achieve), dated *Kanoë-tatsu chūshū ato ichinichi* 庚辰中秋後一日 (The second day of the eighth month of 1880) and signed *Tessai Kissō Yarō* 鍊哉喆叟耶老 (Lucky old man Tessai)

12 1/2in (31.8cm) long

US\$20,000 - 30,000



5020 (box)

Provenance

Kanō Tessai 加納鋈哉 (1845–1925)

Sold in June 1937 at the Osaka Fine Art Club 大阪美術倶楽部

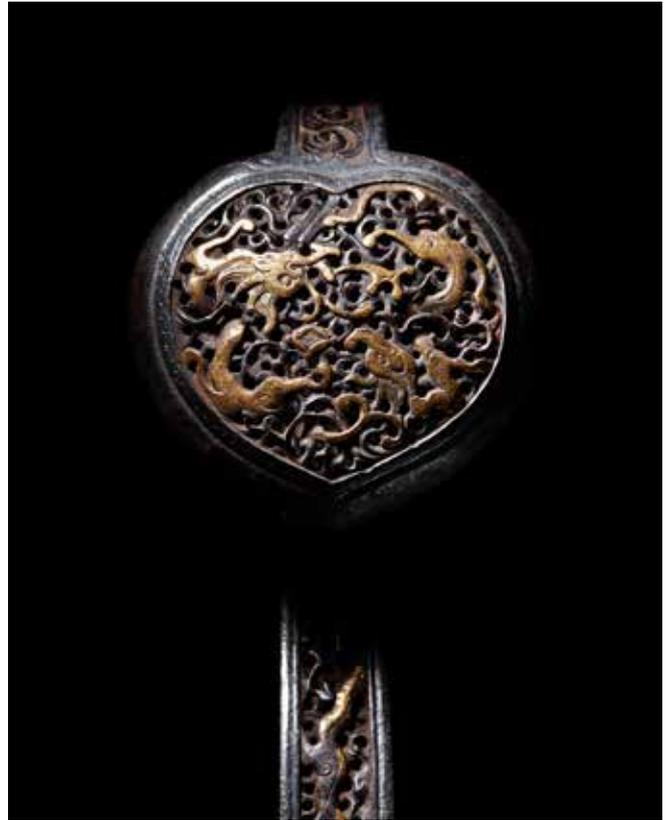
Kanō Tessai, a previous owner of this piece, was born to a netsuke artist's family in Gifu and studied wood carving as well as painting in both Kyoto and Nagasaki, becoming a priest for a time before returning to secular life in 1868. He opened his own business in Tokyo in 1872 and came to prominence when he was commissioned to make a stationery set for Ōkubo Toshimichi, one of the leaders of the Meiji Restoration. He contributed wood carving to a Shibayama inlaid screen with rose and peacock decoration exhibited at the second Naikoku Kangyō Hakurankai (National Industrial Exhibition) in 1881 and then went on to show his own tobacco pouches and a pipe case at the next two exhibitions, in 1890 and 1895.



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5005 (detail)

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AN IRON AND GILT SCEPTER

China, Ming (1368–1644) or Qing dynasty (1644–1912), 17th century

Forged and chiseled in iron with a heart-shaped head, the handle and head carved with pierced open-work clouds and stylized dragons decorated in gilt overlays

With a modern Japanese wooden storage box

19 1/2in (49.5cm) long

US\$4,000 - 6,000

5006

A BOXWOOD SCEPTER

China, Ming dynasty (1368–1644), 17th–18th century

Carved as a craggy stem of *lingzhi* fungus, the head modeled as a group of bats flying among clouds

With a Japanese wooden *tomobako* storage box, the exterior of the lid inscribed *Karamono ōyōboku (tsugeki) henpuku-bori nyoī* 唐物黄楊木蝙蝠彫如意 (Boxwood scepter carved with bats)

15in (38cm) long

US\$25,000 - 30,000



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A HARDWOOD SCEPTER

China, Ming dynasty (1368–1644), 17th century

Carved in hardwood as a branch of *lingzhi* fungus, the cloud-form head with deep whorls and a twisting stem with smaller sprouting branches, with a purplish-brown patina

With a Japanese wooden storage box

15 3/4in (40cm) long

US\$3,500 - 4,500



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A BOXWOOD SCEPTER

China, Ming (1368–1644) or Qing (1644–1912) dynasty, 17th–18th century

Carved as a gnarled and twisted branch of *lingzhi* fungus, the stem covered by smaller cloud-like sprouts of *lingzhi*, the head with a deeply furrowed surface resembling a stylized bat, finished in reddish brown patina, the reverse carved with an allusive poem by Li Shangyin 李商隱 (812–858) about family rivalries during a banquet at the court of the Tang Emperor, Xuanzong (685–762): *Longchi cijiu changyunbing jiegu shenggao zhongyueting yeban yangui gonglouyong Xuewang shenzui Shouwangxing* 龍池賜酒敞雲屏羯鼓聲高衆樂停夜半宴歸宮漏永薛王沈醉壽王醒 (They pour wine by the Dragon Pond and set out mica-encrusted screens, the sound of barbarian drums rises to the rafters and the other music stops; at midnight the banquet guests depart but in the palace the night drags on: Prince Xue gets dead drunk but Prince Shou remains sober); signed and sealed

With a Japanese wooden *tomobako* storage box, the exterior of the lid inscribed *Jidai ōyōboku (tsugeki) reishi nyoī* 時代黃楊木雲芝如意 (Antique boxwood *lingzhi* scepter)

13 3/4in (34.9cm) long

US\$4,000 - 5,000



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A HARDWOOD SCEPTER

China, late 17th–18th century

Carved in dark red hardwood, the scepter formed as a *lingzhi* fungus with a hollow stem sprouting several smaller stems, the head resembling a swirling cloud with pierced openings

With a Japanese wooden *tomobako* storage box, decorated on the exterior with a variety of chrysanthemums in polychrome pigments and *gofun* (calcified and powdered clam-shell), with a seal in the lower left corner of the lid; copper-alloy ring fittings

12 3/4in (32.5cm) long

US\$3,000 - 4,000



5009 (box)



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A BOXWOOD SCEPTER

China, 18th century

Carved as a stalk of *lingzhi* fungus, the handle curling around and encircling the main stem with smaller branches, the reverse carved with a poem and seal

With a Japanese wooden *tomobako* storage box

13 1/8in (33.3cm) long

US\$4,000 - 5,000



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A BOXWOOD SCEPTER

China, 18th century

Carved in the form of a *lingzhi* fungus, the perforated stem layered with smaller branches of the fungus and the head with cloud-form cavities; numerous seed-like pebbles on the surface

With a Japanese wooden storage box
12in (30.5cm) long

US\$3,000 - 4,000



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A BOXWOOD SCEPTER

China, Qing dynasty (1644–1912), 18th century

Carved in the form of a delicate branching stem of *lingzhi* fungus bearing a warm yellowish-brown patina

With a Japanese wooden storage box inscribed on the exterior of the lid *Ōyō (tsuge) reishi-bori nyoi* 黄楊靈芝彫如意 (Boxwood scepter carved as a *lingzhi* fungus)
9 7/8in (25cm) long

US\$3,000 - 4,000



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A HARDWOOD SCEPTER

China, Qing dynasty (1644–1912), 17th–18th century

Carved in heavy, red-toned, well-patinated, and polished hardwood as a branch of fruiting pomegranate

With a Japanese wooden storage box
14 1/2in (36.8cm) long

US\$2,000 - 3,000



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A LARGE BURLWOOD SCEPTER

China, Qing dynasty (1644–1912), 18th–19th century

Naturally taking the form of a stem of *lingzhi* fungus with a broad head, the wood largely left in its original form but highly polished and patinated

With a modern Japanese wooden storage box

16 3/4in (42.5cm) long

US\$1,200 - 1,800



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A BURLWOOD SCEPTER

China, Qing dynasty (1644–1912), 18th–19th century

The well-polished and patinated burlwood naturally taking the approximate form of a thick stem of *lingzhi* fungus, carved with a broad head concealing a tiny frog squatting beneath

With a modern Japanese wooden storage box

14 5/8in (37cm) long

US\$2,200 - 2,800



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A BOXWOOD SCEPTER

China, China, Qing dynasty (1644–1912), 18th century

Carved as a delicate stalk of *lingzhi* fungus with a twisting vine-like stem and multiple cloud-like heads

With a Japanese wooden storage box and a receipt recording that the scepter was sold at a Kyoto Art Club 京都美術倶楽部 auction held on April 21, 1924

10 5/8in (27cm) long

US\$3,000 - 4,000



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A HARDWOOD SCEPTER**

China, Qing dynasty (1644–1912), 18th–19th century

Naturalistically carved in the form of a cut blade of grass, a smaller blade of grass to one side, the tip curled over, inscribed on one side Wuyi ziran 無為自然 (Natural and uncontrived), the other side with a Chinese poem Haojin cuilou zhuang yese wangsui hongye wuqiusheng 好近翠樓粧夜色枉隨紅葉舞秋聲 (I love to approach kingfisher-green pavilions tinted by the colors of night, red leaves dancing in carefree curves make an autumnal sound) and signed Qiujiang yuren shu bing juan 秋江漁人書並鐫 (Inscribed and carved by the Autumn River Fisherman) with seals Qiu 秋 (Autumn) and Jiang 江 (River) and with a further seal

With a Japanese wooden tomobako storage box, the lid inscribed Kibori ashiba nyoi 木彫蘆葉如意 (Scepter in the shape of a blade of grass, carved from wood) and . . . Ishiyamabō shozō 石山房所藏 (Ishiyamabō collection)

15 3/8in (39cm) long

US\$1,200 - 1,500

Provenance

Ishiyamabō 石山房 collection



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A LARGE BURLWOOD SCEPTER**

China, Qing dynasty (1644–1912), 18th–19th century

Minimally carved from a well-patinated and polished twisted length of burlwood, one end suggesting the head of a dragon

With a Japanese double wooden storage box
23 1/4in (59cm) long

US\$2,200 - 2,800



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**5019
A BURLWOOD SCEPTER**

China, Qing dynasty (1644–1912), 18th–19th century

The well-polished and patinated burlwood carved in the form of a slender stem of lotus, an unfurled leaf at one side, rising to a blossoming lotus flower

With a Japanese wooden storage box
14in (25.5cm) long

US\$2,000 - 2,500



5020 (box)

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A SANDALWOOD SCEPTER

China, Qing dynasty (1644–1912), 18th century

A scepter carved from well-patinated sandalwood as a piece of *lingzhi* fungus, with one small stem rising against a larger, more boldly carved stem

With a Japanese double wooden *tomobako* storage box, the exterior of the outer lid inscribed *Tennenboku nyoi* 天然木如意 (Natural wood scepter); *Kono nyoi waga tomo Chikken rōjin iai ima Seihakukun ni oite kore o mata mite atakamo kyūyū ni au no gotoshi chinamite kono sotobako o shikisu Sakaiju ni oite Shūken dai* 此如意吾友竹軒老人遺愛今茲復觀テ清白軒中宛如會旧友曰識シ是外匣 於堺府 習軒題 (This scepter was once a treasured possession of my deceased friend [Yokoe] Chikken. Seeing it at again at Seihakukun was like meeting an old friend, so I wrote this inscription on the outer box; inscribed by Shūken in Sakai), with a seal; the reverse of the lid with a paper seal *Seihakukun zō* 清白軒藏 (Seihakukun Collection); the exterior of the inner box inscribed *Tennenboku nyoi* 天然木如意 (Natural wood scepter); *Manji'an nansō no shita ni oite Shūken gakuin kan narabi ni dai* 於卍字龕南窗下 習軒學人觀並題 (Examined and inscribed by the scholar Shūken under the southern window of Manji'an); Chinese padded silk storage bag painted in ink and colors with an auspicious bat, signed and sealed
14 3/4in (37.5cm) long

US\$8,000 - 10,000

Sakata Shūken 坂田習軒 (also known as Keizō 圭蔵, 1869–1928), a prominent leader of the Kagetsuan School of *sencha*, is best known today for his treatise *Sencha seiganki: Kagetsuan-ryū hōshiki zufu* 煎茶清玩規：華月庵流法式圖譜 (Illustrated Book of Rules for the Pure Enjoyment of Sencha According to the Methods of the Kagetsuan School), see Patricia J. Graham, *Tea of the Sages: The Art of Sencha*, Honolulu, University of Hawai'i Press, 1998, pp. 186–187 and Shufunotomoshia 主婦の友社, *Gendai senchadō jiten* 現代戰茶道事典 (An Encyclopedia of Modern Sencha), Tokyo, 1981, p. 434; Manji'an was the name of Shūken's studio. Yokoe Shikken 横江竹軒 was born in Kyoto to a branch family of the Mitsui industrial empire. A famous connoisseur, his art collection was sold in part at an auction held by the Osaka Art Club 大阪美術俱樂部 in September 1935.



5020 (silk bag)

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5021 (detail)

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NAKANISHI YŌSETSU 中西養拙 (1841–1923)

A bamboo rhizome scepter Japan, Meiji (1868–1912), Taisho (1912–1926), or Showa (1926–1989) era, early 20th century

A bamboo rhizome, the stem left almost in its natural state, the head carved in the form of a Buddha's-hand or fingered citron (*Citrus medica* var. *sarcodactylis*)

With a wooden *tomobako* storage box, the interior of the lid inscribed *Yōsetsu saku nyoī* 養拙作如意 (Scepter by Yōsetsu), the interior of the box inscribed *Nakanishi Yōsetsu saku nyoī* 中西養拙作如意 (Scepter by Nakanishi Yōsetsu); exhibition label of the Kumamoto Nichinichi Shinbun 熊本日々新聞 newspaper, with seal of the Kumamoto Art Club 熊本美術倶楽部
13 1/4in (33.6cm) long

US\$10,000 - 12,000

For Nakanishi Yōsetsu, please refer to the footnote to the following lot.



5022 (detail)

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ATTRIBUTED TO NAKANISHI YŌSETSU 中西養拙 (1841–1923)
A bamboo rhizome scepter Japan, Meiji (1868–1912) or Taisho (1912–1926) era, late 19th–early 20th century

The slender scepter carved as a group of five stems of lotus, two with unfurling leaves, one with a lotus bud, and the two tallest each with blossoming flowers, the stems bound together in a formal knot with a grass tie

With a wooden *tomobako* storage box

16in (40.7cm) long

US\$18,000 - 25,000

A native of Kumamoto, where this piece was acquired, Nakanishi Yōsetsu specialized in bamboo carvings and is best known for his utensils for *sencha* and his *okimono* (ornaments) in the form of crabs.



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A LARGE BLACK-CORAL SCEPTER

Japan, Meiji era (1868–1912), late 19th century

Carved in *umikaramatsu* (black coral) as a long, slender stem of *reishi* fungus with a smaller stem sprouting to the side below the main head 21 3/4in (55.3cm) long

US\$1,800 - 2,500



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MATETSU 磨鉄

A slender black-coral scepter Japan, Meiji era (1868–1912), late 19th century

Carved in *umikaramatsu* (black coral) as a branch of *reishi* fungus, the stem incised with an inscription signed *Chokunyū koji dai* 直入居士題 (Inscribed by Chokunyū the recluse), and signed *Matetsu tsukuru* 磨鉄造 (Made by Matetsu) for the carving

With a modern Japanese wooden storage box

16 1/8in (40.8cm) long

US\$2,000 - 3,000

Provenance

Tanomura Chokunyū 田能村直入 (1814–1907)

The adopted son of Tanomura Chikuden 田能村竹田 (1777–1835), the long-lived Tanomura Chokunyū occupied a prominent role in the Kyoto art world and was the first Director of the Kyōto-fu Gagakkō 京都府画学校 (Kyoto Municipal School of Art). Steeped in Chinese literary and pictorial culture, he was a leading exponent of the literati painting style throughout the Meiji era.



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A REISHI-FUNGUS SCEPTER

Japan, Edo period (1615–1868) or Meiji era (1868–1912), 19th century

A piece of natural *reishi* fungus with a delicate twisting stem, finished in lustrous black lacquer

With a wooden *tomobako* storage box, the lid inscribed *Reishi nyoi Suichikuan* 如意 翠竹庵 (Reishi fungus scepter, Suichiku Hermitage)

12in (30.5cm) long

US\$800 - 1,200



5026 (details)



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A REISHI-FUNGUS SCEPTER

Japan, Showa era (1926–1989), 1929 The large scepter formed from a natural branch of *reishi* fungus, the stem with a black-lacquer finish

With a Japanese wooden *tomobako* storage box, the outside of the lid inscribed *Zuiun* 瑞雲 (Auspicious Clouds), the side painted with an ink rendering of the scepter, with a signed title 芝叶保卮壽 (A *reishi* plant assures long life) and a signed Chinese poem 九莖呈瑞美三秀擅英奇 (Its nine branches bestow good fortune and beauty, the *reishi* surpasses in splendid curiosity), the inside of the lid with a 28-character Chinese poem in praise of the scepter, dated *Shōwa tsuchinoto-mi shoshun* 昭和己巳初春 (January 1929) and signed *Nyoi sanjin dai* 如意山人題 (inscribed by Nyoi the recluse) with seals *Shinzui* 真瑞 and *Nyoi sanjin* 如意山人 14 1/2in (36.7cm) long

US\$2,000 - 3,000

Kuwabara Shinzui 桑原真瑞, the author of the poem on the reverse of the lid, was a monk and writer on philosophy active during the 1920s and 1930s.

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REISHIŌ 靈芝翁

A *reishi*-fungus scepter in the form of a fan Japan, Edo period (1615–1868) or Meiji era (1868–1912), late 19th–early 20th century

Carved in the form of a rigid (non-folding) summer fan, the stem finished in black lacquer and signed in red lacquer *Reishiō* 靈芝翁 With a Japanese wooden storage box inscribed on the exterior of the lid *Reishi uchiwa* 靈芝團扇 (*Reishi*-fungus rigid fan), the interior of the lid inscribed *Reishiō* 靈芝翁 and signed with a *kaō* (cursive monogram), with a seal *Reikosai* 靈古齋 12in (30.5cm) long

US\$800 - 1,200



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A REISHI-FUNGUS SCEPTER

Japan, Edo period (1615–1868) or Meiji era (1868–1912), 19th century

Formed from a dried natural branch of double-headed *reishi* fungus, the stem and part of the underside finished in lustrous black lacquer

With a Japanese wooden storage box

16in (40.7cm) long

US\$1,200 - 1,800



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MINSHI 岷之

A hardwood scepter in *reishi*-fungus form Japan, Edo period (1615–1868) or Meiji era (1868–1912), 19th century

The richly patinated wood naturalistically carved in the form of two slender stems of *reishi* fungus, signed toward the base *Minshi tō* 岷之刀 (Carved by Minshi)

With a wooden storage box

12in (30.5cm) long

US\$1,000 - 1,500



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ITŌ TESSEKI 伊藤鉄石

A dried-lacquer scepter Japan, Taisho era (1912–1926), circa 1920

Modeled in dried lacquer as a long, slender branching stem of red-brown reishi fungus, signed on the reverse of the stem Tesseki 鉄石. With a wooden tomobako storage box, the exterior of the lid inscribed Senkyaku saiyo 儂客採餘 (Left behind by a spirit guest), dated Kano-saru no shōshun 庚申之小春 (October 1920) and signed Heian Zōroku (Sen)sei dai 平安蔵六生題 (Inscribed by Master Zōroku of Kyoto), with a seal, the reverse dated Kano-saru aki no hi 庚申秋日 (A day in autumn 1920) and signed Tesseki sanjin Tō gisaku 鉄石山人藤戲作 (Made for fun by Tesseki Sanjin Tō) with seals Tō-shi 藤氏 (Mr. Tō) and Tesseki 鉄石; the scepter wrapped in a white silk padded cloth titled Hyakuji nyoi 百事如意 (Scepter granting all wishes), dated Kano-saru shōshun 庚申小春 (October 1920) and with an inscription by the metal artist Hata Zōroku III 三代秦蔵

六 (1885/6–1932), painted and inscribed by a group of literati friends and artists who attended a sencha tea gathering held by Itō Tesseki, including a painting of a persimmon by the bamboo artist Hayakawa Shōkosai III 三代早川尚古齋 (1864–1922), calligraphy for the word Yuri 百合 (Lily) by the sencha master Sakata Shūken 坂田習軒 (1869–1928, see also lot 00), and a painting of reishi fungus by Tesseki himself, signed Tesseki kore o saku 鉄石作之 (Tesseki made this) 17 7/8in (45.4cm) long

US\$10,000 - 15,000

Itō Tesseki was a student of Kanō Tessai (1845–1925) and worked in Nara. For the title of this lot, *Senkyaku saiyo* 儂客採餘 (Left behind by a spirit guest), please refer to the introduction to this catalogue.



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GYOKURYŪSAI 玉龍齋

A hardwood scepter in the form of a skull and lotus root Japan, Edo period (1615–1868), 19th century

Carved from *keyaki* (zelkova) wood, in the form of a long curving segmented lotus root with the head in the form of a skull, incised with a poem: *Stay on your guard, a lotus-flower root is a muddy stick*, playing on the two meanings of *dorobō* 泥棒, “muddy stick” or “thief”; followed by an inscription for the poem *Yōren daiōshō ei* 涌蓮大和尚詠 (Poem by the great priest Yōren) and a signature *Gyokuryūsai kore o tsukuru* 玉龍齋造之 (Made by Gyokuryūsai)

With a modern Japanese wooden storage box

20 1/8in (51 1/8cm) long

US\$1,200 - 1,800

Yōren 涌蓮 was a name used by Eryō 慧亮 (1719–1774) a priest of the Shinshū sect active first in Edo and later at Saga near Kyoto who studied poetry with Reizei Tamemura 冷泉為村 and Ozawa Roan 小沢蘆庵. Gyokuryūsai was listed by pioneering netsuke scholar Ueda Reikichi as being active in the “middle era,” meaning (in Ueda’s chronology) the early to middle nineteenth century; see Ueda Reikichi 上田令吉, *Netsuke no kenkyū* 根付の研究 (A Study of Netsuke), Osaka, Kanao Bun’endō 金尾文淵堂, 1943, p. 159 (no. 305).



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A BOXWOOD SCEPTER IN LOTUS-ROOT FORM

Japan, Edo period (1615–1868) or Meiji era (1868–1912), 19th century

Realistically carved in the form of a lotus root and stem with a single unfurling leaf

With a wooden *tomobako* storage box, the lid inscribed *Ōyō (tsuge) renkon-bori okimono* 黄楊蓮根彫 置物 (Boxwood ornament carved as a lotus root)

11 1/2in (29.3cm) long

US\$1,000 - 1,500

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YOSHITOKI 美時

A rosewood scepter in reishi-fungus form Japan, Taisho (1912–1926) or Showa (1926–1989) era, circa 1915–1930

A polished *shitan* (rosewood) scepter carved in the form of an elongated *reishi* fungus with a lizard crawling along its stem, signed toward the base *Yoshitoki tō* 美時刀 (Carved by Yoshitoki)

With a wooden *tomobako* storage box, the lid inscribed *Shitan nyoi Yoshitoki tō* 紫檀如意 美時刀 (Rosewood scepter carved by Yoshitoki)

20in (51cm) long

US\$1,800 - 2,200



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IMAI ŌSHIN 今井応心 (1874/5–1951)

A burlwood scepter Japan, Taisho (1912–1926) or Showa era (1926–1989), first half of the 20th century

A scepter formed from a twisted stem of natural burlwood, minimally carved to improve the surface texture and overall form, giving it the appearance of a dragon ascending through clouds, signed toward one end *Ōshin tō* 応心刀 (Carved by Ōshin)

With a wood *tomobako* storage box inscribed outside *Tennenmoku nyoï mei Unryū Ōshin saku* 天然木如意 銘雲龍 応心作 (Scepter made from natural wood, named “Dragon in Clouds,” made by Ōshin)

18 1/2in (47cm) long

US\$3,500 - 4,500

Ōshin worked in Kyoto and was one of the most sought-after carvers during the heyday of *sencha* from the Meiji era to the early Showa era. It is said that he moved to Kitakyushu in the 1940s and spent his twilight years living on the charity of friends in exchange for pieces of his art. In characteristic style, Ōshin here intervened as little as possible in the natural form of his chosen material, only altering it enough to make it look like an ascending dragon.



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IMAI ŌSHIN 今井応心 (1874/5–1951)

A stag-antler scepter in the form of a lotus root Japan, Showa era (1926–1989), 1946

The principal branch of the antler left mostly uncarved except for the joins between the sections of the lotus root, the lesser branches carved as curled lotus leaves just about to open out, one of them with a tiny frog, signed near the base of the principal branch *Nanajūni-ō Ōshin tō* 七十二翁応心刀 (Carved by Ōshin at the age of 72)

With a wood *tomobako* storage box inscribed outside *Shikazunozai renkon okimono* 鹿角材 蓮根置物 (Stag-antler lotus-root ornament) and signed *Hinoe-inu shunjitsu Ōshin saku jinen Nanajūni-ō* 丙戌春日 応心作 時年七十二翁 (made by Ōshin in spring of 1946 at the age of 72) with a seal *Ōshin* 応心
23in (58.5cm) long

US\$6,000 - 8,000

For Imai Ōshin, please refer to the footnote to the previous lot.



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BOXWOOD SCEPTER IN THE FORM OF A FOLDED BLADE OF GRASS

Japan, Edo period (1615–1868) or Meiji era (1868–1912), 19th century

The honey-toned boxwood carved as a long, slender blade of grass, folded at the tip to form the head of the scepter
14 5/8in (37cm) long

US\$1,000 - 1,500



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BOXWOOD SCEPTER IN THE FORM OF AN OLD BAMBOO BROOM

Japan, Edo period (1615–1868) or Meiji era (1868–1912), 19th century

The dark brown boxwood carved as an old broom made from a natural stem of bamboo, the subsidiary branches folded back to form the head of the scepter
15 1/2in (39.5cm) long

US\$1,200 - 1,800

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A TETSUBIN (IRON TEAPOT FOR SENCHA) WITH LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Japan, Edo period (1615–1868) or Meiji era (1868–1912), late 19th century (1868–1912), late 19th century

Cast in iron and finished with a rough, pitted surface, the cover fitted with a pierced bronze finial, the handle in polished iron 8 1/4in (20.9cm) high; 8in (20.3cm) wide

US\$1,800 - 2,500

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AMEMIYA SŌSHICHI 兩宮宗七, FOR THE KINJUDŌ 金壽堂 COMPANY

A *tetsubin* (iron teapot for *sencha*) Japan, Meiji (1868–1912) or Taisho era (1912–1926), late 19th–early 20th century

Cast in iron, the low cylindrical pot finished with an irregular flange around the lower body and decorated on the sides with the characters *cha* 茶 (tea) and *meshi* 飯 (rice), the bronze cover cast as a mirror decorated with the 12 zodiac animals in low relief and applied with a thick ring handle, signed on the reverse Kinjudō zō 金壽堂造 (Made by Kinjudō)

With a wooden *tomobako* storage box, the exterior of the lid inscribed Hirachameshigama-gata *tetsubin* *seidō kokyō-shiki futa* 平茶飯金形鑊瓶 青銅古鑑紋式蓋 (A *tetsubin* in the form of a squat rice-tea kettle, with a bronze lid in the form of an antique mirror, the reverse of the lid signed Kinjudō Sō 金壽堂宗 with a *kaō* (cursive monogram) and a seal Amemiya tsukuru 兩宮造 (Made by Amemiya) 6 1/2in (16.5cm) high; 6 1/2in (16.5cm) wide

US\$2,000 - 3,000

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HATANO SHŌHEI 波多野正平 (1813–1892)

A *tetsubin* (iron teapot for *sencha*) Japan, Meiji era (1868–1912), circa 1880

The body dramatically patinated and cast with a pine branch on one side and a *reishi* fungus on the other, the fittings for the handle each in the form of a dragon, the bronze handle with cherry-blossoms in silver and gold, the bronze lid with a silver cloud attachment and a freely rotating knob decorated with feathers in silver, the base with Kibundō's self-depreciating cast seal-style mark *Kasetsu Nihon Biwako no higashi* 家拙日本琵琶湖之東 (Our family is clumsily located to the east of Lake Biwa in Japan)

With a wooden *tomobako* storage box, the exterior of the lid inscribed *Sansui moyo-ire tetsubin* 山水毛ヨ入 鑊瓶 (Tea kettle with landscape motifs) and signed *Shōhei Kibundō tsukuru* 正平 亀文堂造 (Made by Shōhei Kibundō) with the same seal as on the base of the teapot

8 3/4in (22cm) high; 7 1/2in (19cm) wide

US\$4,000 - 5,000

The founder of the Kibundō company, Hatano Shōhei was apprenticed at age 11 to the Ryūbundō company of Kyoto (see lot 00), where he studied the art of casting in bronze and iron for 17 years before setting up his own business. After much disruption due to the political upheavals of the late Edo period, he finally settled in the Notogawa district (today's Higashi-Omi City) near Lake Biwa.



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UNSHOKUDŌ 雲色堂

A *tetsubin* (iron teapot for *sencha*) Japan, Meiji era (1868–1912), late 19th century

Cast in globular form with a stepped rim, the body finished in a rough *ishime* (stone-texture) surface and decorated with a stand of blossoming chrysanthemums and butterflies in gold and silver inlay, the handle decorated with bamboo, the bronze lid applied with a silver chrysanthemum finial, signed on the underside *Unshokudō tsukuru 雲色堂造* (Made by Unshokudō)

With a wooden storage box
8 1/4in (20.9cm) high

US\$10,000 - 15,000

The Unshokudō workshop in Kyoto originally specialized in casting temple bells but was motivated by the growing popularity of *sencha* to turn to tea-kettle production.



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ATTRIBUTED TO RYŪBUNDŌ YASUNOSUKE VI 六代龍文堂安之助 (MIZOGUCHI KIHEI, 溝口喜兵衛 1840–1921)

A *tetsubin* (iron teapot for *sencha*) Japan, Meiji era (1868–1912), late 19th century

Cast in cylindrical form with orchids and a Chinese poem, the handle with slight inlay of gold and silver, with a copper-alloy lid signed *Ryūbundō tsukuru* 龍文堂造 (Made by Ryūbundō) 9 1/4in (23.4cm) high; 6 3/4in (17.2cm) wide

US\$2,000 - 3,000

Yasunosuke VI exhibited frequently both inside and outside Japan, starting with the Kyōto Bijutsu Hakurankai 京都美術博覧会 (Kyoto Art Exposition, 1890) and continuing with the Chicago, Paris, and St. Louis International Expositions, held respectively in 1893, 1900, and 1904. His work is mentioned, as a sign of wealth and extravagance, in Natsume Sōseki's 夏目漱石 famous novel *Wagahai wa neko de aru* 吾輩は猫である (I Am a Cat, 1905): "He couldn't get to sleep unless he could hear [the steam] from his big Ryūbundō [kettle]making a sound like the wind in pine trees." See Natsume Sōseki 夏目漱石, *Wagahai wa neko de aru* 吾輩は猫である, Tokyo, Kadokawa Bunko 角川文庫, 1962, p. 175; *Ryūbundō nenpu* 龍文堂年譜 (A Ryūbundō Chronology), at <https://tetsubinuya.jimdo.com/銅器と鉄瓶のお話/第3回-龍文堂の年譜と年表/>; and Tōkyō Kokuritsu Bunkazai Kenkyūjo 東京国立文化財研究所, *Meiji bankoku hakurankai bijutsuhin shuppin mokuroku* 明治期万国博覧会美術品出品目録 (Catalogues of Objects Exhibited at International Expositions in the Meiji Era). Tokyo: Chūōkōron Bijutsu Shuppan 中央公論美術出版, 1997, pp. 277 (no. 751), 303 (no. 523), 363 (no.914).



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ATTRIBUTED TO RYŪBUNDŌ YASUNOSUKE VI 六代龍文堂安之助 (MIZOGUCHI KIHEI, 溝口喜兵衛 1840–1921)

A *tetsubin* (iron teapot for *sencha*) Japan, Meiji era (1868–1912), late 19th century

Boldly cast with a Chinese landscape design in relief: crags, bridges, waterfall, and rustic buildings, the handle with slight inlay of gold and silver, with a copper-alloy lid signed *Ryūbundō tsukuru* 龍文堂造 (Made by Ryūbundō) 7 1/2in (19cm) high; 7in (17.8cm) wide

US\$1,800 - 2,500

For the Ryūbundō company and Mizoguchi Yasunosuke VI, please refer to the footnote to the previous lot. The sixth head of the Ryūbundō family is known to have been on friendly terms with the Chinese-inspired ink painter Tomioka Tessai (see also lot 5045) and the design of this tea kettle reflects that master's style and preferred subject matter.

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HATA ZŌROKU IV 四代秦蔵六 (1898–1984)

A bronze *suiban* (flower-arrangement tray) Japan, Showa era (1926–1989), 1938

Cast in bronze, set on a splayed foot and decorated in Chinese style with a band of archaic geometric patterns encircling the rim and with dragon-form handles, the interior with a phoenix and *kirin* either side of the five characters *dai kichi jō gi yō* 大吉祥宜用, partially gilded and with an antique-green patina, signed on the underside in archaic-style characters *Zōroku 蔵六*

With a double wooden *tomobako* storage box, the exterior of the outer lid inscribed *Nuri seidō ryūmimi hanamoriki* 塗青銅龍耳花盛器 (Patinated bronze flower-arrangement tray with dragon handles) followed by a seal *Chōshin ren'ya* 超心鍊冶 (Forging a superior mind); the exterior of the inner lid with a similar inscription, the reverse with a seal *Rakufu tenmei* 樂夫天命 (Gladly following the will of heaven) and inscribed *Hakkotoshosai Kan ryūmimi banshiki rinpō dai kichi jō gi yō* 博古図所載 漢龍耳盤式 麟鳳大吉祥宜用 (In the shape of a Han-dynasty vessel with dragon handles, decorated with *kirin*, *hō-ō* and the characters *dai kichi jō gi yō* as illustrated in the *Bogutu* [see below]), signed and dated *Shōwa tsuchinoe-tora no shotō, Suikosai-chū ni oite, Zōroku seizō* 昭和戊寅之初冬 於遼古齋 中蔵六生 (Made by Zōroku at the Suiko Studio in October 1938) with seals *Hata-shi Zōroku no in* 秦氏蔵六之印 (Seal of Mr. Hata Zōroku) and *Suikosai* 遼古齋 (Suiko Studio) 4 3/4in (12.3cm) high; 16 3/4in (42.2cm) wide

US\$4,000 - 5,000

The fourth Hata Zōroku is particularly admired for his replicas of earlier Chinese works. The box inscription for this lot states that he took the design from an illustration in *Xuanhe Bogutu* 宣和博古図, a 30-volume compendium of ancient bronzes compiled in 1107–1110 on the orders of the Chinese Emperor Huizong.



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**A BURLWOOD INCENSE TRAY INSCRIBED BY TOMIOKA
TESSAI 富岡鉄斎 (1836–1924)**

**Japan, Meiji (1868–1912) or Taisho (1912–1926) era, late 19th–
early 20th century**

The tray carved from a natural section of burlwood, striated, carved,
and polished to a smooth surface

With a Japanese wooden *tomobako* storage box, the exterior of the
lid inscribed with an ancient form of the character *Shi* (in Chinese,
Zhi) 芝 (magic fungus) followed by the explanation *Shi no koji* 芝之
古字 (The ancient character for *shi*), the reverse of the lid inscribed
Maruyama Saami enchū shosei Tessai dai 圓山左阿弥園中所生鉄
斎題 (Inscribed by Tessai at the Saaami [Restaurant] in Maruyama
Park), with a seal

7 3/8 × 14 7/8 × 3 1/8in (18.7 × 37.7 × 7.8cm)

US\$8,000 - 10,000

Tomioka Tessai, among the most celebrated painters of his time,
developed a unique version of the Nanga style, inspired by Chinese
prototypes, and was a leading exponent of the *sencha* style of
tea, another cultural tradition with deep Chinese roots. Saami,
a celebrated Japanese restaurant in Kyoto's Maruyama Park, is
mentioned in Kawabata Yasunari's novel *Koto* (The Old Capital,
1962).

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MURAKAMI TETSUDŌ 村上鉄堂 (1868–1919)

**A carved and lacquered incense tray
Japan, Meiji (1868–1912) or Taisho era
(1912–1926), early 20th century**

Carved in the form of a large curling lotus leaf sheltering a crab under one of the curls, finished in greenish-brown lacquer

With a wooden *tomobako* storage box, the lid inscribed *Hasu kani kōbon* 蓮蟹香盆 (Lotus and crab incense tray), the reverse of the lid signed *Kanazawa . . . Tetsudō sei* 金沢鉄堂製 (Made by Tetsudō of Kanazawa) with seal *Tetsudō 鉄堂*

23 3/4 × 15 1/2in (60.3 × 39.3cm)

US\$5,000 - 7,000

Born in Komatsu City, Ishikawa Prefecture, Murakami Tetsudō is best known for elaborate, detailed sculptures and festival floats depicting mythological subjects which are still preserved in the locality. He traveled to the United States in 1893 to exhibit a sculpture of the medieval hero Nitta Yoshisada at the Chicago World's Columbian Exhibition and on his return took up a position at the Toyama Prefectural Craft School in Takaoka 富山県高岡工芸学校, later becoming its principal. See *Tōkyō Kokuritsu Bunkazai Kenkyūjo 東京国立文化財研究所, Meiji bankoku hakurankai bijutsuhin shuppin mokuroku 明治期万国博覧会美術品出品目録* (Catalogues of Objects Exhibited at International Expositions in the Meiji Era). Tokyo: Chūōkōron Bijutsu Shuppan 中央公論美術出版, 1997, p. 425 (no.37): "Mrakami, Tetsdo. Nitta Yoshisada."

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A HARDWOOD TRAY

Japan, Meiji (1868–1912) or Taisho (1912–1926) era, late 19th–early 20th century

Lacquered and naturalistically carved as a full-size model of a branch of *biwa* (loquat) with leaves and two bunches of fruit, a mouse with inlaid eyes crouching by the smaller branch

With a wooden *tomobako* storage box, the lid inscribed *Kibori biwagata bon* 木彫枇杷形盆 (Carved wood tray in the form of loquat)

23 1/4 × 10 1/2in (59.1 × 26.7cm)

US\$6,000 - 8,000

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ATTRIBUTED TO IKEDA SAKUMI I 初代池田作美 (IKEDA FUMIKICHI 池田二三吉, 1886–1955)

A pinewood tray in the form of a lotus leaf Japan, Showa (1926–1989) era, circa 1930–1940

A thinly cut section of pinewood finely carved in the form of a lotus leaf and its stalk, the timber finely polished and patinated to bring out the contrast in the year rings

With a wooden *tomobako* storage box, the lid inscribed *Matsu namabushi karen bon* 松生節枯蓮盆 (Natural pine tray [in the form of] a withered lotus leaf)

17 3/4 x 12 3/8in (45 x 31.5cm)

US\$1,000 - 1,500

Born in Kaga City, Ikeda Sakumi I studied joinery under the Osaka-based wood carver Takemura Eiraku 竹村栄楽 and first exhibited in Ishikawa Prefecture in 1922, later submitting work to the national Teiten exhibition in 1928, 1932, and 1933. This work, typical of Ikeda's highly finished style, was acquired in Kanazawa, the capital city of Ishikawa. See Nitten Hensan linkai 日展編纂委員会, *Bunten, Teiten, Shinbunten, Nitten shuppinreki sakuin* 文展・帝展・新文展・日展出品歴索引 (An Index of Exhibitors at the Bunten, Teiten, Shinbunten, and Nitten Exhibitions), Tokyo, Nitten Hensan linkai 日展編纂委員会, 1990, p. 96.



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A CARVED BURLWOOD MORIBON (SERVING TRAY)

Japan, Meiji (1868–1912) or Taisho (1912–1926) era, early 20th century

A massive piece of burlwood, polished but left more or less in its natural state on the underside, the upper side carved with the forequarters and tail of a rain dragon so that it appears to be flying through the material

With a Japanese wooden storage box

4 3/4 x 19 5/8 x 17 3/4in (12 x 50 x 45cm)

US\$4,000 - 5,000



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5049 (detail)



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IZHAI 毅齋

A hardwood tray in the form of a banana leaf China, Qing dynasty (1644–1912), 19th century

The actual-size carving boldly executed, the reverse applied with a small boxwood snail, the central stem on the reverse inscribed with two lines from a verse by the Ming-dynasty poet Wang Guoren 王過仁 entitled *Shutingjiao* 書庭蕉 (Banana Plants Outside My Study): *Dande yusheng lianye jing hefang yuese banchuang yin* 但得雨聲連夜靜何妨月色半床陰 (From night to quiet night all I can hear is the sound of rain, what is it that obscures the light of the moon so that my bed is half in shadow?), signed for the carving *Izhai* 毅齋 with a seal
33 7/8in (86cm) long

US\$1,800 - 2,200



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A HARDWOOD TRAY CARVED WITH LEAVES

Japan, Meiji (1868–1912) or Taisho (1912–1926) era, early 20th century

Carved in low relief with a mass of leaves including ginkgo, maple, and chestnut
18 × 12 1/2in (45.7 × 31.7cm)

US\$1,000 - 15,000



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IMAI ŌSHIN 今井応心(1874/5–1951)

A tray for *sencha*

Japan, Showa era (1926–1989), circa 1950

Carved from pinewood in the form of a piece of torn and curled bamboo bark, signed on the reverse in carved characters *Nanajūnana-ō Ōshin saku* 七十七翁応心作 (Made by Ōshin, aged 77)

With a wooden *tomobako* storage box, the exterior of the lid inscribed *Matsuzai take no kawa bon* 松材 竹の皮盆 (Bamboo-bark tray made from pinewood), the reverse of the lid signed *Kiju Ōshin saku* 喜壽応心作 (Made by Ōshin, aged 77) with a seal *Ōshin* 応心
6 1/2 × 21 1/2in (16.5 × 54.5cm)

US\$2,000 - 2,500

For Imai Ōshin, please refer to the footnote to lot 5034.



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ŌMURA UNKOKU 大村雲谷 (1906-1985)

A wood incense tray Japan, Showa era (1926–1989), circa 1935

The rounded rectangular tray carved in *keyaki* (zelkova) wood and decorated in relief with five bats in clouds, their eyes inlaid, signed on the reverse *Shōchikusai Unkoku* 小竹齋雲谷

With a wooden *tomobako* storage box, the lid inscribed *Gofuku shōshū kōbon* 五福祥集香盆 (Incense tray with five auspicious [bats]), the reverse of the lid signed *Shōchikusai Unkoku* 小竹齋雲谷; also with a *tomogire* (wrapping cloth) similarly signed
 12 3/4 × 18 3/4in (32.5 × 47.8cm) high

US\$6,000 - 8,000

Born in Osaka, Ōmura Unkoku (whose other art-name was Shōchikusai) moved to Himeji City in 1921 to become a pupil of the wood carver Ichikawa Shūdō 市川周道 (1868–1936); he also studied for a time with the great Tokyo sculptor Takamura Kōun 高村光雲 (1852–1934). A major exhibition of his work was held in his native Himeji in September 2015.



5053 (detail)



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AN IRONWOOD TRAY FOR INCENSE

China, 18th-19th century

Rectangular, with vertical interior walls and carved to resemble an inkstone

11 3/4 x 14 5/8 x 1 1/2in (29.7 x 37.1 x 3.8cm)

US\$800 - 1,200



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A REISHI-FUNGUS MORIBON (FRUIT TRAY)

Japan, Showa era (1926-1989), circa 1944 Of dried *reishi* fungus with a black-lacquered interior and lacquered areas on the reverse

With a wooden *tomobako* storage box, the exterior of the lid inscribed *Reishi bon Shimoda Hontaku* 靈芝盆 下田本宅 (*Reishi* fungus from the principal residence of the Shimoda family), the reverse of the lid inscribed *Shōwa jūkunen rokugatsu kore o motomuru Shimoda Hontaku* 昭和拾九年六月求之 下田本宅 (Comissioned for the principal residence of the Shimoda family in June 1944)

15 x 16 x 3in (38 x 40.5 x 7.5cm)

US\$3,000 - 5,000



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ITŌ TESSEKI 伊藤鉄石

A carved burlwood tray in the form of a lotus leaf Japan, Meiji (1868-1912) or Taisho (1912-1926) era, early 20th century

Carved in the form of a withered, curling lotus leaf with natural openings in the burlwood, signed on the reverse *Tesseki sanjin tō* 鉄石山人刀 (Carved by Tesseki the hermit), followed by a *kaō* (cursive monogram) With a wooden *tomobako* storage box, the exterior of the lid inscribed *Kayōshiki kōbon* 荷葉式香盆 (Incense tray in the form of a lotus leaf); the reverse of the lid inscribed *Tō Tesseki saku* 藤藤鉄石作 (Made by Tō Tesseki) with seals *Tōshi* 藤氏 and *Tesseki* 鉄石

1 1/4 x 24 x 15 1/4in (3.2 x 61 x 38.7cm)

US\$6,000 - 8,000

For Itō Tesseki, please refer to the footnote to lot 5030.



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OKABE SAIKEN 岡部齋賢

A set of five kashizara (sweet trays) Japan, Meiji era (1868–1912), 1902

Each rectangular and carved in bamboo respectively as insect-eaten leaves; leafing bean plants; curling leaves with gourds, grapes and leaves; a cicada on a gourd leaf; and a water pail with vines and blossoming morning glories, the reverse of the last tray carved with the inscription *Morai mizu chiyo*

With a wooden *tomobako* storage box, the exterior of the lid inscribed *Gotsuruyose kashizara* 五蔓寄菓子皿 (Sweet trays with five creepers), the reverse dated and signed *Meiji sanjūgonen . . . ke no tame bihin Okabe Saiken tō* 明治参拾五年為 . . . 家備品 岡部齋賢 刀 (Carved by Okabe Saiken for the . . . family in 1902)

Each 1 × 5 × 4in (2.6 × 12.7 × 10.2cm)

US\$6,000 - 8,000

The inscription on the reverse of one of the trays is taken from a haiku poem by the leading poetess Kaga no Chiyome (1703-1775):
Asagao ni / tsurube torarete / moraimizu 朝顔に つるべ取られて
もらい水 (By morning glory / the well-bucket entangled / I ask for water)

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IKEDA SAKUMI I 初代池田作美 (IKEDA FUMIKICHI 池田二三吉, 1886–1955)

A mulberry-wood incense tray in the form of a gourd plant Japan, Showa (1926–1989) era, circa 1930–1940

The well-patinated and polished timber carved in the form of a giant gourd, with a much smaller gourd, tendrils, and leaf forming the handle, further leaves and the stalk beneath

With a wooden *tomobako* storage box, the exterior of the lid inscribed *Kuwa hisago-mon kōrodai* 桑瓢文 高炉台 (Mulberry-wood incense-burner stand in the form of a gourd), the interior of the lid signed . . . *Sakumi* 作美 with a seal *Ikeda Sakumi* 池田作美

21 1/4 × 15 3/4in (54 × 40cm)



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US\$3,000 - 4,000

For Ikeda Sakumi I, please refer to the footnote to lot 5048.



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A SET OF CARVED BAMBOO PIECES FOR SENCHA
Japan, Meiji (1868–1912) or Taisho (1912–1926) era, late 19th–early 20th century

Comprising five cups and saucers, a *kyūsu* (side-handled teapot), and a hot-water ewer, each cup and each saucer signed on the underside with a mark

Ewer: 4 1/4in (10.7cm) wide; teapot: 3 1/2in (8.9cm) wide; cups: 2 3/8in (6.1cm) approx. diameter; saucers 3 3/4in (9.5cm) approx. diameter

US\$5,000 - 7,000



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A YIXING 宜興 TEAPOT WITH THE MANSHENG QINGWAN 曼生清玩 MARK

China, Qing dynasty (1644–1912), late 19th–early 20th century

The brown stoneware body delicately cast and incised with a relief landscape and a verse by the late Tang-dynasty poet Sima Zha 司馬札: *Songjian kai yijing qiucuo zi xiangyi zhongri bu guandai kongshan wu shifei* 松間開式徑秋草自相依終日不冠帶空山無是非 (A single path opens up between the pines, the autumn grasses lean upon each other; I pass the whole day without donning my official robes: in the empty mountains there is no "right" or "wrong"), followed by a seal *Mansheng qingwan* 曼生清玩

3 3/8in (8.6cm) high; 6 3/8in (16.2cm) wide

US\$800 - 1,200



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A YIXING 宜興 TEAPOT

China, Qing dynasty (1644–1912), late 19th–early 20th century

The rectangular vessel decorated in high relief with Fenggan 豐干 leaning on his tiger companion on a rocky slope beneath a pine tree, the cover with a *lingzhi* fungus finial, a four-character seal on the underside

4 3/8in (11.1cm) × 6 5/8in (16.8cm)

US\$800 - 1,200

5062

HATA ZŌROKU II 二代秦蔵六 (? BORN CIRCA 1854)

A chaire (tea caddy) Japan, Showa era (1926–1989), 1927

The melon-form caddy of cast and polished tin with an inner airtight lid, sealed on the underside *Zōroku koji* 蔵六居士 (Made by Zōroku the recluse)

With a double Japanese wooden *tomobako* storage box, the exteriors of the lids of both outer and inner box inscribed *Junseki chatsubo* 純錫茶壺 (Pure tin tea caddy); the reverse of the lid of the inner box inscribed *Uri-shiki chatsubo hinoto-u toshi nanajuyon-ō Zōroku tsukuru* 瓜式茶壺 丁卯年 七十四翁 蔵六造 (Melon-shaped tea caddy made by Zōroku at the age of 74 in 1927) with seal *Zōroku koji* 蔵六居士 (Zōroku the recluse)
2 5/8in (6.7cm) high; 3 3/8in (8.7cm) diameter

US\$800 - 1,200

Hata Zōroku II was a prominent metalworker active during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries; his predecessor, the first Zōroku, lived from 1823 to 1890. Zōroku II's dates are not independently recorded but the inscription on the storage box for this tea caddy in southern Chinese style suggests that he was born around 1854.

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A SENKŌTATE (PORCELAIN INCENSE STAND)

China, Qing dynasty (1644–1912), 18th–19th century

Formed as a miniature baluster vase covered in an even tea-dust glaze, with a fitted wood stand

With a Japanese wooden storage box and a brocade storage bag
2 3/4in (7cm) high

US\$1,800 - 2,500

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IMAI ŌSHIN 今井応心 (1874/5–1951)

A wood okimono of a bull

Japan, Taisho (1912–1926) or Showa era (1926–1989), first half of the 20th century

Of natural and carved burl wood in the form of a reclining bull looking upward, signed on the underside *Oshin kato* 応心加刀

9in (22.8cm) wide

US\$2,000 - 3,000



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A PAPERWEIGHT IN THE FORM OF A TOAD

Japan, Meiji (1868–1912) or Taisho (1912–1926) era, early 20th century

A warm honey-toned piece of burlwood carved as a squatting toad, the pattern of its back formed by the natural surface of the wood. With a wooden *tomobako* storage box, the lid inscribed *Shizenboku gama jochin* 自然木 蝦蟇 帖鎮 (Natural wood paperweight), the reverse of the lid inscribed *Mikasa-an Raisai chinzō* 三笠庵 齋斎珮藏 (Collection of Raisai of Mikasa-an)

1 1/8 × 2 × 2 1/2in (3 × 5.1 × 6.5cm)

US\$1,200 - 1,800



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A REISHI-FUNGUS KAKEHANAIKE (HANGING FLOWER VASE)

Japan, Edo period (1615–1868) or Meiji era (1868–1912), 19th century

Formed from a solid mass of striated *reishi* fungus, the upper section hollowed out and fitted with a copper *otoshi* (water container), the neck fitted with a copper-alloy ring imitating a silk cord. With a modern wooden storage box

10 5/8in (27cm) high

US\$3,000 - 4,000



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A SAKE GOURD

Japan, Edo period (1615–1868) or Meiji era (1868–1912), 19th–20th century

The natural gourd carefully carved with insect damage and fitted with a bone stopper, one large and two small Chinese jade rings and a Chinese celadon-glazed peach-form drinking cup

With a double wooden *tomobako* storage box, the exterior of the outer box inscribed *Iku senshū* 幾千秋 (Many thousands of autumns), the exterior of the inner box with the same inscription, the interior of the inner box with a long inscription dated summer 1903 recording that the gourd once belonged to a Mr. Yanagihara 柳原 of Fukui in Echizen and was given the name *Iku senshū* 幾千秋. In March of the previous year, 1902, there was a great fire in Fukui during which the storage box for the gourd was burned to ashes but the gourd itself survived unscathed, fully justifying its name.

10 5/8in (27cm) high

US\$1,800 - 2,400

The Great Fire of Fukui, which took place on March 30, 1902, destroyed more than 3,200 properties.

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**KINOSHITA SUIKŌ 木下翠香
A BAMBOO SAKE FLASK**

Japan, Taisho (1912–1926) era, circa 1917

A sake flask for a *sencha* party, made from a twisting section of bamboo rhizome, the hardwood stopper with a gold ring fitting, signed *Suikō tsukuru* 翠香造 (Made by Suikō) With a double wooden *tomobako* storage box, the exterior of the outer lid inscribed *Tennen kake-hisago* 天然挂瓢 (Natural hanging gourd) and *Ichihara Chōshōen chinzō* 榎原長嘯園珍藏 (Treasured by Ichihara Chōshōen), the reverse of the outer lid inscribed to the effect that Kinoshita Suikō made the piece, ordered the gold stopper, and had the box made in *Taishō hinotomi banshun* 丁巳晩春作箱 (March 1917), also signed *Chōshōen* 長嘯園 with seals (at the beginning) *Chōshō* 長嘯 and (at the end) *Chōshōen* 長嘯園 and *Ichihara-ke zō* 榎原家藏 (Ichihara family collection); the exterior of the inner lid inscribed *Take hisago* 竹瓢 (Bamboo gourd) with a seal; the interior of the inner lid signed *Suikō tsukuru* 翠香造 (made by Suikō) with a seal *Suikō shosaku* 翠香所作 (made by Suikō)

20 7/8in (53cm) high

US\$2,000 - 3,000

Provenance

Ichihara Chōshōen 榎原長嘯園

Kinoshita Suikō, who is said to have lived in Nara, appears to have been an active player in the Kansai region's cultural scene. He is known for a number of bamboo works which have recently been offered online and in 1910 he published a book authored by Ikuta Nansui 生田南水 on Osaka's famous Shitennōji Temple. It is also recorded that in 1919 the distinguished bamboo artist Ueda Shōunsai 上田尚雲齋 attended the first meeting of the Naniwa Ran'yūkai 浪華籃友会 (Osaka Friends of Basketry) on his behalf; see http://opamwww.opam.jp/collection/detail/d_writer_master/160;jsessionid=5A93A5BAF96828899DE5B752A9D0D4A3. Ichihara Chōshōen, a previous owner of this lot, is recorded as a connoisseur of antique Japanese coins whose collection passed to the famed numismatist Ōkawa Tenkendō 大川天顕堂, apparently in the 1920s or 1930s; see <http://kosenmaru.sub.jp/kannei06-1.html>.



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A BOXWOOD DISPLAY STAND

China, Qing dynasty (1644–1912), 18th–19th century

Intricately carved from the stump and roots of a boxwood tree with some areas of decay left exposed, the honey-toned timber highly polished and with a fine patina

With a Japanese wooden *tomobako* storage box

4 1/8 × 13 3/8 × 10 5/8in (10.5 × 34 × 27cm)

US\$5,000 - 7,000



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A WOOD LINGZHI-FORM STAND

China, Qing dynasty (1644-1912), 18th century

The hardwood stand carved with cloud-form supports, inscribed on the base with a six-character poem and signed with the seal-form mark of the Liushu Shanguan Studio Collection 六石山館珍藏

With a wood tomobako storage box
12 x 9 1/2 x 2 1/2 in (30.5 x 24.2 x 6.4 cm)

US\$18,000 - 25,000



5070 (detail)

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\$10 - 200by 10s		\$10,000 - 20,000by 1,000s	
\$200 - 500by 20 / 50 / 80s		\$20,000 - 50,000by 2,000 / 5,000 / 8,000s	
\$500 - 1,000by 50s		\$50,000 - 100,000by 5,000s	
\$1,000 - 2,000by 100s		\$100,000 - 200,000by 10,000s	
\$2,000 - 5,000by 200 / 500 / 800s		above \$200,000at the auctioneer's discretion	
\$5,000 - 10,000by 500s		The auctioneer has discretion to split any bid at any time.	
Customer Number		Title	
First Name		Last Name	
Company name (to be invoiced if applicable)			
Address			
City		County / State	
Post / Zip code		Country	
Telephone mobile		Telephone daytime	
Telephone evening		Fax	
Telephone bidders: indicate primary and secondary contact numbers by writing ① or ② next to the telephone number.			
E-mail (in capitals) _____			
By providing your email address above, you authorize Bonhams to send you marketing materials and news concerning Bonhams and partner organizations. Bonhams does not sell or trade email addresses.			
I am registering to bid as a private client <input type="checkbox"/>		I am registering to bid as a trade client <input type="checkbox"/>	
Resale: please enter your resale license number here _____ We may contact you for additional information.			

SHIPPING	
Shipping Address (if different than above):	
Address: _____	Country: _____
City: _____	Post/ZIP code: _____

Please note that all telephone calls are recorded.

Type of bid (A-Absentee, T-Telephone)	Lot no.	Brief description (In the event of any discrepancy, lot number and not lot description will govern.) If you are bidding online there is no need to complete this section.	MAX bid in US\$ (excluding premium and applicable tax) Emergency bid for telephone bidders only*

You instruct us to execute each absentee bid up to the corresponding bid amount indicated above.

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