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## **JAPANESE BOXWOOD AND IVORY NETSUKE OF CHOKARO SENIN WITH HIS MAGIC HORSE**

FINE JAPANESE BOXWOOD AND IVORY NETSUKE OF CHOKARO SENIN WITH HIS MAGIC HORSE APPEARING FROM AND  
DISAPPEARING INTO A GOURD

SIGNED IN RAISED RELIEF TO A RECTANGULAR TABLET AT THE BACK OF THE GOURD WHICH ACTS AS THE HIMOTOSHI  
'YOSHIIHIDE' (HOSHU) TOKYO SCHOOL

LATE 19TH CENTURY – MEIJI PERIOD

SIZE: 4.5CM HIGH, 2.5CM DIA – 1¾ INS HIGH, 1 INS DIA / 5CM HIGH – 2 INS HIGH (WITH HORSE EXPOSED)

## **LITERATURE**

THE NETSUKE ILLUSTRATES THE LEGEND OF CHOKARO, ONE OF THE TAOIST IMMORTALS, OR SENIN, AND HIS MAGIC HORSE WHICH CARRIED HIM THOUSANDS OF MILES YET COULD BE TUCKED INTO A GOURD. A POPULAR JAPANESE SAYING IS BASED ON THE SURPRISE OF CHOKARO'S HORSE EMERGING FROM THE GOURD: 'HYOTAN KARA KOMA' MEANING AN UNEXPECTED OCCURRENCE.