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LOT 1250

A Japanese Shibayama inlaid ivory tusk vase and cover with integral carved wood stand, Meiji period, the tusk finely inlaid in mother-of-pearl and other hardstones, one side with a flower basket on a stand, the other side with two sparrows flying above blossoming branches, inlaid mother-of-pearl signature plaque to side, the cover with seated monkey surmount, the underside with incised and stained signatures, total height 39cm (minor losses and faults, and cover not fitting due to natural shrinkage).

Estimate: £800 - £1,200

Condition Report

1250. Please note the cover in the illustration does not sit in that position naturally as it is probably missing a rim which would have held it in place.

Tusk itself is in good order with no splits or damage.

The vast majority of inlay is present but as you can see in the images there are three large flowerheads missing.

The cover is maybe missing a rim as it does not quite fit the body. The monkey finial has been glued back on at some stage. Otherwise monkey and lid in good condition.

Total weight, including cover and wood stand 2034g.

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