



Japanese Contemporary Ikebana Hanakago by Suemura Shobun

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Description :

Japanese Contemporary Hanakago, a wall hanging bamboo basket made for Ikebana, the art of flower arranging, titled "Mt. Fuji Shaped Basket", by the acclaimed Osaka basket artist Suemura Shobun (1917-2000). Woven from Susudake (smoked) spotted bamboo in a bird's nest style with a round opening at the top and lacquered bamboo flower container housed inside, additional mushi-maki (insect weave) as four feet on the two horizontal struts underneath and woven loop near the opening for hanging. Original signed storage box (Tomobako) labeled on the exterior lid "Mt. Fuji shaped flower basket" and signed Suemura Shobun on the inside of the lid with 2 red seals of the artist.

5-7/8 in. (15 cm) high 10-5/8 in. (27 cm) long x 5-7/8 in. (15 cm) wide.

- Origin : Japan
- Region, Province, City: Osaka
- Date :
 - 20th Century

- Height (cm): 15
- Material: Bamboo
- Bibliographic references: For other examples of Suemura Shobun's work see: Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, Object #: 2006.3.755 Robert Coffland's Contemporary Japanese Bamboo Arts, page 119 and 121. Melissa Rinne's Masters of Bamboo: Artistic Lineages in the Lloyd Cotsen Japanese Basket Collection, # 52. Metropolitan Museum exhibition: "Japanese Bamboo Art: The Abbey Collection"
- Publications and exhibitions of the object: Suemura Shobun, pupil of Yamamoto Shoen (Chikuryū sai I). His work was accepted at the prestigious Nitten Exhibition 23 times starting in 1951, and ten consecutive times at the Japan Contemporary Craft Exhibition. His baskets have been displayed internationally as well. all total over 120 solo exhibitions over the course of his basket creating career.

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