

## **GOURD-FORM WALNUT NETSUKE CHARM**

## \$458

c. 1900 • Japan • Walnut, Bone • Collection #AA010 W: 1.75" D: 1.25" H: 1.5"

Japanese artisans have long held mastery in the creation of miniature treasures, or netsuke. This gourd is ingeniously carved out of a walnut shelf with a polished bone spur acting as the stem at the gourd's top. A symbol of divinity, good fortune and prosperity, this gourd would have been the perfect worry stone for a person of status in Japan to take in hand when they needed a little extra luck