

TAKING SHAPE: THE AKARI LIGHT SCULPTURES OF ISAMU NOGUCHI



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ISAMU NOGUCHI

Akari light sculptures model 41S, pair

Ozeki & Co., Ltd. | Japan, designed 1956 | washi paper, bamboo, enameled cast iron
25¾ h × 12 dia in (65 × 30 cm)

The present model was marketed in early Bonniers publications as the 41S; the shade model would become known as the 30A and the bamboo base was later known as the BB1.

Stamped 'Sun and Moon' ideogram to each shade. Cast manufacturer's mark to underside of each base 'Made in Japan'.

Literature: *NEW AKARI Light Sculpture*, 1977 dimension and assembly brochure, The Noguchi Museum Archives, MS_AKA_008_020 *Design: Isamu Noguchi and Isamu Kenmochi*, Rychlak, Mori, Murayama, and Matsumoto, pg. 100

Estimate: \$6,000–8,000

Result: \$8,820

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