

TAKING SHAPE: THE AKARI LIGHT SCULPTURES OF ISAMU NOGUCHI



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ISAMU NOGUCHI

Akari light sculptures model 19D on single stem bases, pair

Ozeki & Co., Ltd. | Japan, designed 1954 | washi paper, bamboo, enameled cast iron

74½ h × 21¼ dia in (189 × 55 cm)

The 19D shade model would later become known as the 55D. Similarly, the single stem bamboo base would become known as the BB3.

Stamped 'Sun and Moon' ideogram and 'Japan' to each shade. Cast distributor's mark to underside of each base 'Bonniers 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. 99

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