

TAKING SHAPE: THE AKARI LIGHT SCULPTURES OF ISAMU NOGUCHI



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ISAMU NOGUCHI

Akari light sculptures model BB3-45X, pair

Ozeki & Co., Ltd. | Japan, shade designed 1971 | washi paper, bamboo, enameled cast iron

70 h × 18 w × 18½ d in (178 × 46 × 47 cm)

Stamped 'Sun and Moon' ideogram to each shade. Cast manufacturer's mark to underside of each base 'Made in Japan'. Sold with original packaging for shades.

Literature: *Akari*, 1988 manufacturer's catalog, unpaginated *Isamu Noguchi "Akari"*, Craft and Design Museum, Gifu exhibition catalog, unpaginated *Design: Isamu Noguchi and Isamu Kenmochi*, Rychlak, Mori, Murayama, and Matsumoto, pg. 101

Estimate: \$8,000–10,000

Result: \$20,160

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