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## Legras "cake Walk" Vase



190 EUR

Signature : Legras

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Glass

Diameter : 7 cm.

Height : 24 cm.

### Description

Beautiful unsigned Legras vase "Cake walk" in good condition, no cracks, no cracks or missing items. This vase measures 24 cm in height and has a diameter of 7 cm for the bottom of the vase and 4.50 cm for the top. The turquoise blue of this vase brings dynamics and the dancer is enameled. The Cake-Walk or Cakewalk is a dance that appeared on Florida plantations in the 1850s during which slaves parodied the haughty gait of their white masters. Subsequently, real walking competitions (Prize Walks) were organized at the end of the 19th century and were generally held during gatherings on plantations in the southern United States in the presence of the planters themselves. Different prizes were then awarded to the champion, including a large corn flour cake, wrapped in a cabbage leaf, which was

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called the hoecake<sup>1</sup>. Various names then exist for this original form of dance (Chalkline Walk, walk-around). Following a performance of the original form of the dance at the 1876 World's Fair in Philadelphia, a huge cake was awarded to the winning couple. Subsequently, this form of dance could be seen in minstrel shows, but exclusively performed by men until 1890. Then, the authorization of women in the casting made possible all kinds of improvisations to this "march" , to evolve into a caricature dance, which became very popular across the country. (Wikipedia information).