



## Alfred Jean Foretay (1861-1944) "strawberries With Champagne"



950 EUR

Signature : Alfred Jean Foretay (1861-1944)

Period : 20th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Cast iron

### Description

Alfred Jean Foretay (1861-1944) "Strawberries with Champagne" Art Nouveau Bust Polychrome cast aluminum Signed "Alfred Jean Foretay" and initials "AFS" Height: 35 cm An elegant Art Nouveau bust depicting a young woman wearing a ruffled bustier, embodying the grace and decorative sensuality characteristic of the Belle Époque. Born in Morges, Switzerland, Foretay entered the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris in 1877, where he studied under Alexandre Falguière. He actively participated in the Parisian Salons, receiving an honorable mention in 1891 and then a gold medal in 1904. The work is made of polychrome cast aluminum, an innovative technique developed in the mid-19th century, which was then more expensive than bronze. This choice of material lends the sculpture lightness,

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modernity, and subtlety in the rendering of details. The "Strawberries with Champagne" model perfectly illustrates the Art Nouveau aesthetic: idealized femininity, flowing lines, and refined textile treatment. In very good condition. Signed work -- a representative collector's piece of French decorative sculpture from the Belle Époque.