



Bronze Plaque Titled



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Signature : Emmanuel VILLANIS

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Description

A superb and rare circular bronze plaque depicting bathing naiads by Emmanuel VILLANIS (1858-1914). Villanis settled in Montmartre, a neighborhood of Paris, and never left. The artist's reputation was built on his depictions of female figures. His body of work brings together the great heroines of opera, literature, mythology, and the Bible. He created his works primarily in bronze, sometimes in chryselephantine; his sculptures bear the subtle mark of Art Nouveau. His use of patinas further enhances the delicacy of his lines, making Villanis one of the major sculptors of the Art Nouveau movement. He exhibited eleven times at the Salon des Artistes Français between 1886 and 1910, Villanis also participated in the 1889 World's Fair in Paris and the 1903 World's Fair in

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Chicago This bronze plaque, sculpted and chiseled in bas-relief, depicts three naiads in a choppy sea against a backdrop of waves, with a ship in the background. The distinctive feature of this plaque lies in the subtle color nuances of the bronze patina applied by the artist. These range from greenish tones to golden hues--a superb piece of work highly characteristic of the era, with exceptional attention to detail. Signed lower right: VILLANIS