



Black Lacquered Commode By Guy Lefèvre For Jansen, French, Circa 1970

8 500 EUR



Signature : Guy Lefèvre pour Maison Jansen

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Lacquer

Width : 95 cm

Height : 71 cm

Depth : 48.5 cm

Description

Guy Lefèvre (1933-2003) became one of the most significant designers to work under the banner of Maison Jansen in its later chapters. Joining the celebrated Parisian decorating firm in the late 1960s -- in the period following the long directorship of Stéphane Boudin -- Lefèvre brought a new sensibility to Jansen's output: one that embraced the bold formal language of the contemporary without ever compromising the house's defining standard of luxury. His signature lay in the mastery of lacquer finishes, particularly black, whose depth and precision he deployed with remarkable rigour, paired with hardware in gilded or patinated bronze. This chest of drawers in black lacquer and bronze is a quintessential example of Lefèvre's work for Jansen. The clean, horizontal architecture of the piece -- 95

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centimetres wide and 71 centimetres tall -- unfolds as a play of planes and shadows in which the lacquered surfaces catch the light with exceptional precision. The discreet bronze drawer handles, calibrated against the density of the black ground, provide the sole material accent: functional in intent, jewel-like in execution. Furniture by Guy Lefèvre for Maison Jansen is today firmly established in the collecting canon of twentieth-century French decorative arts. Pieces that demonstrate his command of the lacquer medium -- rigorous in form, uncompromising in finish -- command consistent attention at auction and in specialist galleries. For collectors of postwar French design, a Lefèvre--Jansen commode of this quality represents one of the most satisfying intersections of craft, luxury and modernity. [Click Here](#) to see this piece directly on Our Website