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A Polychrome Terracotta Sculpture By Fontaine & Durieux Depicting A Young Woman, Signed L. Vergnano



880 EUR

Signature : L. Vergnano

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Terracotta

Width : du socle : 21 cm.

Height : 75 cm.

Depth : 23 cm.

Description

- Large cold-painted polychrome terracotta figure from the Fontaine & Durieux manufactory--located in L'Isle-Adam Val-d'Oise department, Paris region depicting a young woman with a pitcher in her right hand and her left hand resting on a tree trunk, gazing at two doves at her feet.- Signed by the artist incised in the terracotta L. Vergnano on the rear edge of the base titled on the front on a gilt brass plaque with black filled engraving reading *Énigme de la cruche cassée* The Mystery of the Broken Pitcher by L. Vergnano.- Circular maker's mark on the back of the piece (on the edge), featuring the intertwined letters F&D for Fontaine & Durieux at the center and the inscription Fontaine & Durieux Paris.- Model number 407 incised beneath the circular mark.- Lorenzo Vergnano:

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Italian sculptor, born in Cambiano, Italy, in 1850 died in Turin in 1910.- He was one of the principal sculptors working for Alphonse Hanne and his successors in the field of art ceramics his signature appears on the pieces he created.- He served as a sculpture professor at the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris during 1885-1886, teaching artistic sculpture to his students.- The art terracotta manufactory under the direction of Albert Fontaine and Louis Durieux (1912-1919). - The factory had been closed for eight months when, on June 15, 1912, partners Albert Fontaine and Louis Durieux took over the art terracotta manufacturing business that had belonged to Léon Labat himself the first successor to Alphonse Hanne, who had acquired it at auction on September 28, 1909, for the sum of ten thousand francs.- Albert Fontaine and Louis Durieux were former sales representatives for Alphonse Hanne they were also publishers and manufacturers of painted plaster and terracotta figures. Following the sale, Fontaine and Durieux established via a private agreement and for a ten-year term a general partnership dedicated to the manufacture and sale of plaster and terracotta objects.- The company was headquartered in Paris at 47 Rue de Paradis, where the Durieux family would reside next door to their fellow manufacturer Goldscheider at number 45.- Fontaine and Durieux retained Alphonse Hanne's former shop on Rue de Hauteville.- They drew upon the years of experience gained working with Alphonse Hanne in the manufacturing, distribution, and sale of the factory's products.- They succeeded in turning the business around with the invaluable assistance of the Lepoivres a couple who had previously worked at the Labat factory, having left just a few months earlier. - It is worth noting that the war years were favorable for terracotta production, as metals were reserved for national defense.- Fontaine and Durieux's output over their eight years of operation was substantial, with their factory producing more than three thousand different terracotta models.-

After successfully growing the business, Fontaine and Durieux wished to retire. - Under the terms of a private agreement dated December 15, 1919.- It is not known what prompted the sale of their business or what they did subsequently.- Large pieces produced by Fontaine and Durieux bear an impressed round stamp, two centimeters in diameter, featuring the circular inscription Fontaine et Durieux Paris and the intertwined initials "F.D." in the center.- Period : first quarter of the 20th century, circa 1912-1919.- Reminder to buyers regarding the right of withdrawal for online purchases on my Proantic website.- Must be read before purchasing on my Proantic-hosted sales site.- The right of withdrawal applies to sales made on my Proantic sales site. - The withdrawal period is 14 days following the buyer's receipt of the item or goods. - The buyer must notify me via email or by certified mail, without needing to provide a justification or reason, before the 14 day period provided by law following receipt of the package or item.- The buyer has the right to change their mind and has a 14-business-day cooling-off period as provided by this right of withdrawal law, and I respect this right. - After this period, the sale will be considered final and binding. - The costs of returning the item by mail or through a carrier are the buyer's responsibility in the event of withdrawal by the buyer. - The buyer is required to return the item within 14 days of receiving the item or package in its original condition as received, without any breakage or damage to the item and in the same packaging in which it was received, with the same shipping costs and with insurance for the item covering the full sale price listed on my Proantic website, as arranged by the seller, and must provide me via email with the proof-of-deposit receipt issued by the post office when the package or item was dropped off at the post office, or the waybill issued by the carrier.- All sales made on my Proantic website are covered by insurance purchased from La Poste at the time the item or

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