



The Laundress



2 000 EUR

Signature : Fernand Martin

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Painted metal

Height : 20 cm

Description

Museum-Quality Antique Fernand Martin No. 171 "La Blanchisseuse" (1899) - excellent Working Condition! Up for sale is an exceptionally preserved, museum-grade masterpiece by the legendary French automata maker: Fernand Martin "La Blanchisseuse" (The Laundress), Reference No. 171. Debuted in Paris, France, in 1899, this toy beautifully captures the everyday working-class characters of Paris during the Belle Époque era. Finding this complex arm-movement mechanism in smooth, fully operational order after 127 years is incredibly rare. It centerpiece for any serious high-end antique toy collection. Key Features & Action Mechanical State: fully operational clockwork motor. Once wound, the laundress moves her arms up and down in a wonderfully

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lifelike, energetic scrubbing motion over her washboard. Aesthetics: original condition. Features the authentic brown-painted wash tub set on the classic green base plate. The hand-painted tin details and facial features remain vibrant and crisp. Original Clothing: The figure comes dressed in her complete, beautifully preserved original textile outfit, featuring her signature apron and colorful shoulder shawl. Authenticity: 100% original parts, fabric, wash tub, and clockwork mechanism. Completely untouched, authentic, and un-restored. Specifications Manufacturer: Fernand Martin (Paris) Product Reference: No. 171 Year of Production: 1899 Height: Approx. 20 cm / 7.8 inches Material: Hand-lacquered tin, original textile clothing, clockwork motor