



Plaster Model Of "the Effort Of The Victor" By Pierre De Soete



950 EUR

Signature : Pierre De Soete

Period : 20th century

Condition : Restauré

Material : Plaster

Width : 34cm

Height : 47cm

Depth : 22cm

Description

Pierre is known for his sports sculptures. Pierre Jean Desoete was born on July 30, 1886, into a modest family in Molenbeek-Saint-Jean. He was the son of Jean-Baptiste Desoete, a hatmaker, and Marie Thérèse Serlippens, a day laborer. He married Gabrielle Coenen in Molenbeek-Saint-Jean, and they had a daughter, Elsa. He began working at the age of eight, and by the time he was fourteen, he was an orphan. In 1900, he was hired at the polishing and engraving workshop of the Compagnie des Bronzes in Brussels. He then moved on to the assembly workshop. There he came into contact with renowned sculptors: Julien Dillens, Constantin Meunier, Prince Paul Troubetzkoy, and Jef Lambeaux. A skilled and observant self-taught artist, he drew inspiration from these experiences.

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to become a sculptor himself. At the same time, he studied at the École du Soir and briefly took classes in drawing at the Molenbeek Academy and in modeling. He enrolled in a short training program at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Brussels. In 1911, a bronze foundry in Anderlecht appointed him head of one of its departments.

The sculpture has undergone a few minor restorations. One on the left shoulder--possibly involving two fingers--is practically invisible.