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Art Deco Casimir Brau Radiator Ornament "stylized Rooster" Openwork Plate 1925/1930 Psn26mas0



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Signature : Casimir BRAU

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Chromium

Height : 18 cm

Description

Casimir BRAU - Rare Art Deco radiator mascot "Stylized Rooster" with openwork plaque - Chrome-plated bronze - Circa 1925/1930 PSN26MAS001Casimir BRAU (1878-1934)A French sculptor, Casimir Brau is considered one of the leading figures in automotive mascots of the 1920s and 1930s. He is best known for his stylized animals, featuring clean, even cubist-inspired lines, cast in bronze and then nickel-plated, silver-plated, or chrome-plated. His pieces have become emblematic of Art Deco as applied to the automobile.His repertoire is vast and highly sought after: greyhound, jaguar, eagle, leaping horse, lion, terrier, tiger... Several models were adopted by automakers, notably Messier (eagle on a world map) and Lorraine-Dietrich (greyhound). His hood ornaments regularly

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appear at auction at major specialized auction houses (Artcurial, Bonhams) and are featured in public collections, including those of the National Trust in the United Kingdom.He signed his works with his full name, "C. Brau," or a figurative "B", as seen on the mascot offered here. He is buried in the columbarium at Père-Lachaise.A rare radiator mascot from the 1920s-1930s, in the Art Deco style, bearing the figurative "B" of the artist Casimir BRAU.It depicts a stylized rooster, rendered entirely in geometric planes and openwork cutouts. The serrated crest, round eye, breastplate, and leg are formed by large, angular cutouts. The entire piece stands out against a rectangular plate that is also openwork, reinforcing the graphic and architectural effect. The feathered tail falls onto a conical, threaded base, which secured it to the radiator cap.This mascot was originally offered to be mounted on luxury cars. It is a flat model, much rarer than the more common round, three-dimensional mascots. This design was most certainly intended for a sports car rather than a limousine--an extra-flat shape offering less wind resistance.Total height including the threaded shank: 18 cmVery good overall condition; the piece is complete, has never been repaired, and has never been in an accident. The chrome retains a beautiful shine across the entire mascot.A few small areas where the chrome is missing, visible particularly on the edges of the plate and on the base.Some minor oxidation, especially on the conical base, which has developed a patina.Fine scratches from normal use on the flat surfaces, which are typical for a vintage piece.No cracks or warping.No original screws present.The photos are part of the description; please be sure to review them.