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Profiles Of Miners - Constantin Meunier - Patinated Terracotta



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Signature : Constantin Meunier (1831-1905)

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Terracotta

Width : 40 cm

Height : 50 cm

Depth : 15 cm

Description

Born in Etterbeek in 1831, Constantin Meunier (1831-1905), a Belgian painter and sculptor, is famous for his depictions of the industrial working class. Influenced by Courbet's social realism, he powerfully depicted the harsh working conditions of men employed in heavy industry. Iron puddlers, whose job was to transform pig iron into wrought iron, were subjected to particularly grueling conditions. Exposed daily to toxic substances, many died prematurely.Through this work, Meunier pays tribute to the strength and courage of these workers, whose tragic fate bears witness to the profound social and economic inequalities of their time. Drawing inspiration from the profiles of ancient portraits, coins, and Renaissance medals, the artist imbues the industrial worker

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with a truly heroic dimension, elevating him to the status of a modern icon."Profiles of Miners," also known as "Industry," is a terracotta print patinated to resemble bronze.Signed lower right: "C Meunier."