

'TORCH DANCER'

By Ferdinand Preiss (1882-1943)
Circa 1920

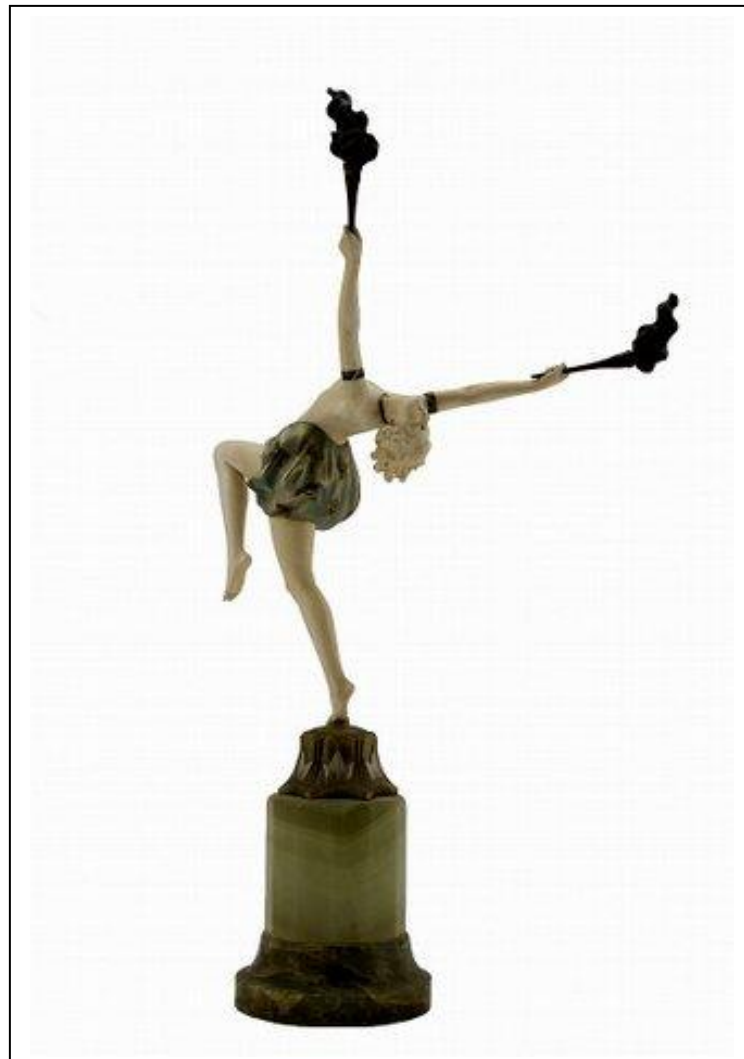
A bronze and ivory young female dancer holding aloft a flame in each hand, balancing on one leg, clad only in pantaloons, and arched backwards, on a green onyx base.

Height : 43 cms high

Signatures : Engraved 'F Preiss' in the maquette

Reference

- i) Bryan Catley, *Art Deco and Other Figures*, Antique Collectors' Club, London, 1978, p. 281.
- ii) Alberto Shayo, *Ferdinand Preiss, Art Deco Sculptor, The fire and the flame*, Antique Collectors' Club, 2005, back cover and p. 165
- iii) Victor Arwas, *Art Deco Sculpture*, London, 1992, p. 166.



Preiss's **TORCH DANCER** is one of his best known and most recognisable designs. Others are : 'Flame Leaper', 'Lighter than Air', 'Invocation' and 'Fashion Lady'.

Preiss is highly respected for his lifelike ivory carving, which surpasses the quality achieved by any other of his contemporary sculptors.

The **TORCH DANCER** is one of Preiss's theatrical designs that has the most extensive use of ivory, with only the pantaloons, necklace and armbands in patinated bronze.

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