

## 'GIRL WITH CASKET' & 'BOY WITH APPLE'

By Ferdinand Preiss  
Circa 1920

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Two carved ivory naked children, the boy holding an apple between his two hands, the girl clasping a enamelled box. Both stand on matching green onyx bases.

Height : 15 cms (boy), 14.5 cms (girl)

Signatures : Engraved *F Preiss* on base rim (boy), engraved *F Preiss* on the ivory plinth (girl).

References : i) Bryan Catley, *Art Deco and Other Figures*,  
Antique Collectors' Club, London, 1978, p. 263.  
iii) Victor Arwas, *Art Deco Sculpture*, London,  
1992, p. 162.



Ferdinand Preiss designed a number of child sculptures : *Girl with Rabbit, Boy with Canary, Girl with Skipping Rope, Boy with Trumpet, Lipstick, Archer, Girl Feeding Bird, Girl with Fly, Fisher Boy, Girl Fishing, Little Cricketer, Hoop Girl, Sonny Boy, The Posy, Child with Keys, and Oriental Waiter and Waitress*. The most popular pair is without doubt *Boy with Apple*, and *Girl with Casket*.

They were obviously very popular in the 1920's, as they are not that uncommon today. However, when they appear on the international market, they are eagerly snapped up by collectors, and depending on condition, can fetch very high prices for such small sculptures.

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