

'BOY WITH CORNUCOPIA'

By Ferdinand Preiss
Circa 1920

An ivory figure of a naked young boy, sitting on a green onyx pin tray, holding a cornucopia (horn of plenty) filled with fruit and nuts.

Height : 7 cm high, 10 cm wide

Signatures : engraved *F Preiss* on the onyx base

References : Bryan Catley, *Art Deco and Other Figures*, Antique Collectors' Club, London, 1978, pictured pg. 262.



Ferdinand Preiss designed a number of child sculptures, including *Boy with Apple*, *Girl with Casket*, *Boy with Canary*, *Girl with Skipping Rope*, *Boy with Trumpet*, and *Archer*.

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.

They are all exquisitely carved, in the distinctive Ferdinand Preiss style and quality.

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