

'DANCER WITH RING'

By Demetre Chiparus
Circa 1920

A bronze and ivory figure of a dancer, clad in two-piece outfit, the skirt topped by a large cummerbund with a long tassel hanging in front. Balancing on one foot, arms and leg raised, holding a hoop, on chamfered portoro marble plinth. She is wearing a cloche cap which covers all but her face.

Height : 48 cms

Signatures : Engraved 'DH Chiparus' on the top of the marble base,
and 'Etling Paris' on the side of the base.

References : i) Bryan Catley, *Art Deco and Other Figures*, Antique
Collectors' Club, London, 1978, pg. 96.
ii) Victor Arwas, *Art Deco Sculpture*, Academy Editions/
St Martin's Press, 1992, pg. 44.
iii) Alberto Shayo, *Chiparus Master of Art Deco*, ACC Art
Books Ltd, 1988, pg. 161.



Dancer with Ring contains a higher proportion of ivory than almost any other Chiparus bronze and ivory design. It has not appeared on the international market very often. The 'Etling Paris' mark on the base is the name of the foundry that cast the piece, and probable also made the portoro marble base.

There was an all-bronze version made as well, but it lacks the charm of the bronze and ivory version.

The condition of the sculpture is always reflected in the price. This sculpture has particularly vulnerable limbs. The version on offer is in outstandingly good condition.

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