

'CON BRIO'

By Ferdinand Preiss (1882-1943)
Circa 1920

A bronze and ivory young dancer on tip toe, wearing a two-piece swimming costume, and cloche cap, her arms, legs, and upper body in ivory.

Height : 36 cms high

Signatures : Engraved 'F Preiss' in the bronze maquette

Reference

- i) Bryan Catley, *Art Deco and Other Figures*, Antique Collectors' Club, London, 1978, p. 283.
- ii) Alberto Shayo, *Ferdinand Preiss, Art Deco Sculptor, The fire and the flame*, Antique Collectors' Club, 2005, p. 174
- iii) Victor Arwas, *Art Deco Sculpture*, London, 1992, p. 172.



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Preiss's *CON BRIO* is one of his best known and most recognisable designs, and considered by some to be his classic figure. 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.

This *CON BRIO* was purchased with *TORCH DANCER*, they had spent their life together, and were purchased as a pair on matching bases. Both models are in superb original condition.

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