Silver Red and Blue Exotic Dancer

By Gerdago
Circa 1925

A bronze and ivory figure of an exotic dancer, her right arm above her head, the other across her body, wearing a brightly painted costume, with a very unusual tall shapely hat, a very stylised collar, and a full skirt open in the front. She also is wearing a jewelled brooch and earring, and a ring on her left hand. Her hands and face are ivory, and she stands on a large green onyx base.

Height : 36 cms

Signatures : Engraved 'Gerdago', the *AR* foundry mark, and 'Austria', on the bottom edge at the right back corner of the skirt.

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A little known fact is that her signature, *Gerdago* comes from *Gerda* Iro, maiden name *Go*ttstein, (Gerda Go). Born 1906, died February 2004, an Austrian from Vienna, she designed costumes for revues and movies. She designed a range of sculptures, which were modelled by other people, K Perl being one, and cast by Arthur Rubinstein in Vienna, in the late 1920's and 30's.

Gerdago sculptures are not often found, and are snapped up by eager collectors when they do come onto the market. Their uniqueness lies in the very outrageously bizarre costume designs, and their extremely bright colours.

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