

Bronze & ivory figure 'SONNY BOY'

By Ferdinand Preiss
Circa 1920

A bronze and ivory figure of a young boy, obviously in his school uniform, carrying a book under his left arm. His shorts are in gold, his shirt in a pale green, and his tie is blue. He is standing on a brown onyx base.

Height : 21 cms high

Signatures : Engraved 'F Preiss' on the base

References

- i) Bryan Catley, *Art Deco and Other Figures*, Antique Collectors' Club, London, 1978, p. 267.
- ii) Victor Arwas, *Art Deco Sculpture*, London, 1992, p. 174.
- iii) Alberto Shayo, *Ferdinand Preiss, Art Deco Sculptor, The Fire and the Flame*, Antique Collectors' Club Ltd, 2005, pictured pg. 130.



Preiss's ***Sonny Boy*** is one of Preiss's most popular designs, and is often a companion piece for ***Hoop Girl***.

Preiss is highly respected for his lifelike ivory carving, which surpasses the quality achieved by any other of his contemporary sculptors. This is because Preiss was apprenticed as an ivory carver from the age of 15, and as a result, his factory did all their own ivory carving, producing a very superior product.

Prices on this piece fluctuate depending on condition. The model on offer is in superb condition.

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