

‘THEBAN DANCER’

By Cl J R Colinet
Circa 1920

A large bronze and marble dancer of a woman, in a dance pose perched on the ground, her legs, torso in marble, and her loose skirt in bronze. The base is in black marble, with a gilded bronze inset plaque depicting ancient Egyptian motifs.

Height : 55 cms

Signatures : Engraved ‘Cl J R Colinet’ on the marble base, and ‘70’ on the bronze skirt.

References : (i) Victor Arwas, Art Deco Sculpture, Academy Editions, 1992, pg 78.
(ii) Brian Catley, Art Deco and Other Figures, Antique Collectors’ Club, 2003, pg. 118.



Colinet's *Theban Dancer* was produced in two sizes, viz. 27 cm and 55 cm high. The smaller version was made in bronze and ivory, while the larger in bronze and marble. The reason for this is that the larger version is too large to be produced in ivory. Both models are very rare.

Colinet was one of the few female sculptors of the period. Belgium by birth, she moved to Paris to sculpt. Her works are of full-bodied women, her styling is hieratic, and yet her work is still theatrical, which makes it very desirable to Art Deco sculpture collectors.

The *Theban Dancer* is one of her most important works, and in the larger size, is a breathtaking vision!

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