

SA1142474

Austrian cold painted bronze –
Long Eared Owl table lamp, by
Bergman. Circa 1910

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1142474

Date of manufacture: 1910

Dimensions

Height = 40 cm (15.7")

Description

A fine example, the Owl is stamped with the Bergman 'B' in an amphora to underside of his tail. Total height 40cm (plus shade). Height of just the Owl 25cm. ----- Franz Bergman Sculptures Bergman is celebrated for his great attention to detail and wonderful vibrant colours, Franz Xavier Bergman (1861-1936) is, arguably, the most famous of the Viennese cold-painted bronze artists, delighting in producing Oriental, Birds and bronze animal subjects. His father, also Franz Bergman (1838-1894), was a professional chaser (embosser) from Gablonz, Austria who came to Vienna and founded a small bronze factory in 1860. Franz Xavier inherited the company and opened a new foundry in 1900. There he created numerous cold painted (so named because the numerous layers of polychrome paint, applied to the bronze, were not fired to fix them to the metal) figures. Many other bronzes were still based on designs by Franz Bergman, the elder. Bronzes cast in the Bergman foundry are normally stamped with a capital 'B' placed in a twin handled vase. As an artist Bergman himself had a distinctive signature 'Nam Greb' which reads Bergman in reverse. It is said that he used this mark as a 'no...
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