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SOLD....Marble Portrait Bust of the Sculptor's Lover c.1925, by Janko Brayovitch.

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Date of manufacture: 1920

Description

A superb quality marble bust by Janko Brayovitch (1889 - 1947). The sitter, Brayovitch's mistress, exquisitely carved from a large block of fine marble, is depicted with her head gracefully turned and her downcast eyes are half closed, as if in some delicious, drowsy reverie. Despite the nudity and the unquestioned erotic charge of the sculpture there is a great sense of peace and a feeling of quiet contemplation. It is signed on the reverse of the plinth 'J. Brayovitch' accompanied by a carved circular symbol, the significance of which is not known. Born in Montenegro, Janko Brayovitch studied at the High Academy of Sculpture in Vienna. After the First World War he emigrated to Britain, where he settled in Hampstead, London. Many of his works were portrait busts in marble, bronze or a mixture of both. In 1928 he was invited to Canada to sculpt the famous soldier General Burnham and his wife. These busts were unfortunately destroyed by a fire at the General's house in 1955. Brayovitch was also commissioned to sculpt a bust of Gerald Gratan McGeer, Mayor of Vancouver and reformer of the once corrupt police force. This remains at 453 West 12th Ave. Vancouver. A bust b...

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