

SA1163391

Antique Rolls Royce Spirit of Ecstasy Mascot Signed Circa 1920

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1163391****Date of manufacture: 1920**

Dimensions

Height = 16 cm (6.3")

Width = 11 cm (4.3")

Depth = 13 cm (5.1")

Description

An early 20th century Spirit of Ecstasy designed by Charles Sykes, incised Charles Sykes/ R.R Ltd 6.2.11 to the base, mounted to a gray rocky marble plinth base, Circa 1924 in date. The numbers engraved on the base, "5-2-11" are a patent date associated with the original design of the Rolls Royce Spirit of Ecstasy mascot, which was designed by Charles Robinson Sykes. This date indicates when the design was patented, and it appears on many early classic versions of the emblem. So this is a Rolls-Royce late Ghost 'Spirit of Ecstasy' mascot after Charles Sykes, dated 1918-1924. An early 20th Century decorative Rolls Royce silvered bronze mascot sculpture, The Spirit of Ecstasy, dating from the mid 20th century. In 1910 Rolls-Royce slowly became aware that some owners were affixing 'inappropriate' ornaments to their cars. Claude Johnson's brief to Sykes was to sculpt a mascot for Rolls Royce that embodied 'speed with silence, absence of vibration, the mysterious harnessing of great energy and a beautiful living organism of superb grace' to become the standard emblem of the Rolls-Royce brand and it was Sykes' daughter, Jo (born 1908) that believed it was on the road from L...

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