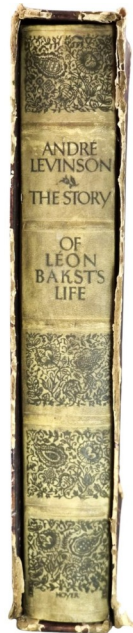


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**Léon Bakst: the story of his life,
true first edition book, Berlin
1922, copy 11**

Price

GBP 4,000

| USD \$5,413 | EUR 4,680

Item Reference: SA1213104

Date of manufacture: 1920

Dimensions

Height = 5.5 cm (2.2")

Width = 28.5 cm (11.2")

Depth = 37.5 cm (14.8")

Description

An exceptionally rare and important bibliophile volume: the true First Edition of Bakst. The Story of Leon Bakst's Life by André Levinson. Published in Berlin in 1922 by Alexander Kogan's Russian Art press, this edition precedes all later London and Paris reissues. Alexander Kogan was a leading figure in international Russian publishing, with a career spanning Berlin, Palestine, and the United States. The volume was printed by Dr. Selle & Co. A.G., Berlin, during the early days of their operation (1921–1932). Produced amidst the severe economic conditions of 1922 Germany, it was executed as a luxury, hand-crafted object for a limited audience. This is Copy No. 11 of a limited edition of 600 copies (specifically, one of the 300 copies issued for Great Britain and the Colonies). The large folio comprises 240 pages and 68 separate plates (52 in colour), featuring a frontispiece portrait of Bakst by Amedeo Modigliani. It is printed on heavy-stock textured handmade watercolour paper (type of Fabriano) with uncut edges, and retains its original slipcase. The half-title features a handwritten dedication: "Dem hochverehrten Herrn E. Buren zur freundlichen Erinnerung. London 6/1922".

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