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Bronze Inkwell in the Form of a Grotesque creature French C 1910

Price

GBP 375

| USD \$506 | EUR 439

Item Reference: SA1226448**Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Width = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

A finely cast bronze novelty inkwell in the form of a fantastical grotesque creature, produced in France during the early twentieth century. The design reflects the wider European fascination with anthropomorphic and grotesque forms that emerged in the late nineteenth century and bears a stylistic affinity to the celebrated stoneware grotesques of the Martin Brothers, whose imaginative creations exerted a notable influence on contemporary decorative arts. The compact figure is modelled as a bearded, hybrid creature standing on four legs with a tapering tail. Its expressive features include pointed, pixie like ears, which ingeniously function as twin pen rests, a broad smiling mouth, prominent nose, textured hair, and a distinctive beak like projection to the forehead, combining elements of folklore and fantasy with a playful sculptural sensibility. The hinged upper section of the head opens to reveal the inkwell beneath, retaining its original removable liner manufactured from an early phenolic composite material closely related to Bakelite. The bronze displays crisp, well-defined casting with a rich, untouched surface, attesting to the quality of its manufacture. Bo...

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