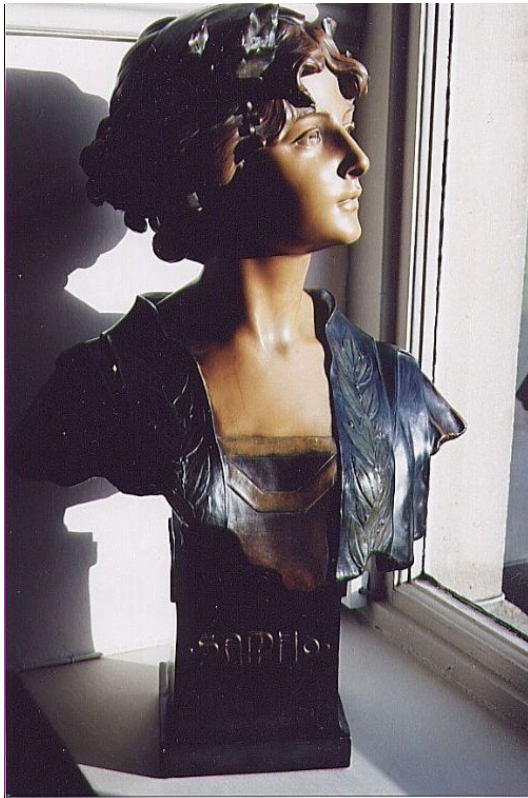


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Portrait Bust of Sappho c.1900 by HL Blasche for Reps & Trinte

Price

GBP 4,500

| USD \$6,089 | EUR 5,265

Item Reference: SA556817**Date of manufacture: 1900**

Dimensions

Height = 61 cm (24.0")

Width = 44 cm (17.3")

Depth = 22 cm (8.7")

Description

A superb and rare terracotta Art Nouveau portrait bust of Sappho, the famous Ancient Greek poetess, sculpted by HL Blasche. There are plaster versions of this sculpture, but the terracotta ones are most uncommon. Sappho was greatly loved for her personification of love and affection, and her creativity. Her poetry was so rhythmical, usually accompanied by music and dance, that it gained the reputation for being the Divine Inspiration of the Muses. She was born on the Aegean island of Lesbos about 615 BC. To the Greeks Homer was the Poet and Sappho was the Poetess. Plato called her The Tenth Muse. Those who know the language of ancient Greece have long ago convinced us that much of the beauty of Greek lyric verse is lost in English translation. The Greeks' appreciation of the poetry of Sappho gave her the recognition as one of the greatest of women poets and the greatest of all lyric poets. She was married and the mother of a child but her poetry reveals her sexual attraction to women. Our English word for sexual love between women is derived from Lesbos the name of the island where Sappho lived. Her imagery and the intensity of her poetry transcends sexual referen...

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