

SA920335

German Expressionist, Astra the lion, fantastical animal, 1963, rare mid century modernist woodcut in colours

Price

GBP 340

| USD \$460 | EUR 398

Item Reference: SA920335

Date of manufacture: 1960

Dimensions

Height = 20 cm (7.9")

Width = 25 cm (9.8")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

Meet Astra the lion! German Expressionist Helmut Andreas Paul Grieshaber, known as Grieshaber HAP (1909 –1981) loved worked in woodcuts, and here is a particularly fine and rare example of his work. Numbered 27 of only 50 examples and dating from 1963, the woodcut is referenced as "Astra - Weisse Wolke" (Astra, White Cloud") n Margot Furst's Catalogue Raisonné of prints of the artist under the no. 63/5. Grieshaber was born in Rot an der Rot. In 1926, aged 17, he started an apprenticeship at a printer's in Reutlingen. A free spirit from a young age, he used his free time to study art in nearby Stuttgart. He then travelled extensively, spending time in Paris, London, the Middle East and Greece. In the early years of the Nazi regime, from 1933 until 1940, Grieshaber was banned from his profession. During that time he scraped a living as an untrained labourer in the town of Reutlingen. He spent the war years unwillingly in the German army and, as a prisoner of war, doing forced labour in Belgian mines. After the war he returned to Germany, living in a small cottage on the Achalm mountain, and concentrated on doing woodcuts and posters. Between 1955 and 1960 he taught...

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