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Art Deco & Design in the spotlight at Artcurial

Art Deco / Design Sale on 31 May 2021, Paris

On 31 May, Artcurial will hold its major bi-annual sale dedicated to Art Deco and Design. Included in the line-up for this exceptional sale will be a console table by Eckart Muthesius from the Palace of the Maharajah of Indore, pieces designed by Charlotte Perriand and Pierre Chareau, a significant set of items by Jean Prouvé, and sections dedicated to both 1970s and contemporary design.

PARIS -On 31 May Artcurial's Design department will present more than 120 lots dedicated to Art Nouveau/ Art Deco and Design.

Star lots in the sale include the console table and shelf unit by Eckart Muthesius from the Palace of the Maharajah of Indore (estimate: 250 000 - 350 000 €), a linen cabinet by Pierre Chareau (estimate: 150 000 - 250 000 €) and a set of furniture by Jean Prouvé coming from the family of the original purchaser.



Eckart MUTHESIUS CONSOLE-SHELF - Circa 1930 Provenance : Palace of the Maharaja of

Estimate : 250 000 - 350 000 €







Linen cabinet circa 1927 model «MA374» Rio rosewood and patinated wrought iron

Estimate : 150 000 - 250 000 €

Set of six chairs model «Métro-pole 306» known as «Standard»

circa 1952 Bent black lacquered steel sheet 30 000 - 50 000 €

Art Deco

The sale will begin with a section dedicated to Art Nouveau featuring a rare shagreen box by Josef Hoffmann for the Wiener Werkstätte (estimate: 4000 -6 000 €).

This will be followed by some significant Art Deco pieces, including a brassware vase (estimate: 40 000 - 50 000 €), an important panel by Jean Dunand (estimate: 80 000 - 120 000 €) coming directly from the artist's family and two rare vases by René Lalique. Also noteworthy are the sculptures by François Pompon including « Pintade » cast in iron by the Hébard foundry in 1932 (estimate : 20 000 - 30 000 €).

Alongside these will be a painting emblematic of the Art Deco period, a rare piece by Raphaël Delorme, estimated between 5 000 and 6 000€.

Finally, Artcurial will present the highlight of the sale: the console table and shelf unit from the Palace of the Maharajah of Indore, designed by Eckart Muthesius (estimate: 250 000 - 350 000 €). Having an affinity with modernist ideas being developed by European architects, the young Maharajah invited the German Eckart Muthesius to come up with new plans for continued building work on the Palace, as well as the interior decoration. The close collaboration between the architect and his sponsor led to the creation of a entirely modernist palace in India.

Another highlight in the sale is a linen cabinet «MA374» by Pierre Chareau, estimated at 150 000 to 250 000 €. Rarely seen on the market, this piece is combines Rio rosewood and wrought iron in a typical association of materials for the artist.

Design

Design items from the second half of the 20th century include an important collection of pieces by Jean Prouvé, coming from Nancy and directly from the family of the original client (lots 31 à 43). Key amongst these is a set of six chairs, the «Métropole 306» model known as Standard (circa 1952), estimated at 30 000 to 50 000€.

The iconic Charlotte Perriand will also be represented with a six-seater dining table coming from the collection of the original client (estimate : 20 000 - 30 000 €).

A rare piece of furniture by the architect Claude Parent, a table designed especially for the father of the current owner will also be offered (estimate: 10 000 - 15 000€).

Highlights from the 1970s include a sideboard by Paul (estimate: 6 000 - 8 000 €), and rare lamps by Jean-Pierre Vitrac (estimate: 6000 - 8000€) and Michel Bover (estimate : 4 000 - 6 000 € each).

There will be a section of the sale devoted to the work of Claude and François-Xavier Lalanne, including the collection of Monsieur et Madame G, with a selection of 26 pieces.

There will also be a range of contemporary design items on offer featuring all the key names, such as Louis Durot, Ron Arad, Ingrid Donat and Hubert Le Gall...

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