BOAT WITH AFRICAN WOMAN WERKSTATTE HAGENAUER CA. 1940

Sailing boat with African woman, Mod. Nr. 3726, Werkstatte Hagenauer Wien, cast brass, ca. 1940, marked

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In the 1920s of the 20th century, foreign continents increasingly exerted a great fascination with their exotic cultures on Europe. For example, the 1931 Paris Colonial Exhibition (Exposition coloniale internationale) attracted an incredible 33 million visitors in just six months and had a lasting impact on European arts and crafts.

During this time, the Werkstatte Hagenauer produced their first figurines in the African style and achieved great success. The design of this sleek sailboat with an African woman dates back to the 1930s. In a typical manner, its shape is highly reduced and stylized.

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