



**IMPORTANT PAIR OF BUSTS
FRANZ HAGENAUER
WERKSTATTE HAGENAUER
1970S**

€58.000,00

Important pair of metal-busts Lady and Gentleman, Franz Hagenauer, Werkstatte Hagenauer Vienna, 1970s, brass nickel-plated, marked

With their head tilted to the side, our busts look into the room from a single, large eye. Nicely dressed up, the gentleman has combed his hair neatly and tied his bow. The lady's curls are coiffed accurately and she wears a pearl pendant. Both their stylized noses emphasize the elongated faces.

Such metal sculptures from the 1970s were among the most desirable objects from the Werkstatte Hagenauer. Franz Hagenauer thus further developed his reduced, ovoid heads from the 1930s. He retained the futuristic character with a geometric-oval shape, but adorned the heads with charming attributes, thus loosening up the appearance. Thus, his bow tie and her stylized, perfectly fitting hairstyle can be understood with a wink. The cartoonish designs are perfectly executed. This can well be seen on the finely soldered metal applications and in details such as the gentleman's finely hammered ear or the lady's curls. The two halves of the heads are also soldered flawlessly; only the closest inspection reveals the seam on the polished heads.

The polished surfaces of the sculptures offer an additional attraction, as the heads are not only an object of contemplation but also a mirroring surface for their surroundings. Thus, our pair of busts fills the space plastically and optically.















