



PAIR OF PENGUINS KARL HAGENAUER CA. 1935

€7.500,00

Pair of Penguins, Karl Hagenauer, Werkstatte
Hagenauer Vienna, ca. 1935, carved wood,
nickel-plated brass, marked

The two penguins are part of the wonderful product range of animals Werkstatte Hagenauer offered from the 1930s on. Beside the beloved horse sculptures, one can find more exotic animals like elephants or these adorable penguins. Their bodies have been carved from hardwood and ebonized. Wings, beaks and feet are made of nickel-plated brass.

Those tiny creatures are rare on the market and accordingly sought-after by Hagenauer collectors. What makes them even more special is the rare marking "RENA" indicating that they were explicitly manufactured for Rena Rosenthal's gallery in the USA. She owned an art store in New York from about 1920-1950, selling Austrian design and high-quality decorative arts. Together with the three-line markings "Made in/Vienna/Austria", the production of this sculptures can be narrowed down to the period from the mid-1930s onwards and is an excellent example of the lively international export activities of Werkstatte Hagenauer.

