POLAR BEARS FRANZ HAGENAUER CA. 1957

Polar Bears, Franz Hagenauer, Werkstatte Hagenauer Vienna, ca. 1957, carved wood, brass-plated metal, marked

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After World War Two, Franz Hagenauer rented an empty carpenter's workshop in Fuschl am See in the Salzkammergut region. A significant stock of various types of wood came along with the building. From 1945 until the late 1960s, very charming and deliciously humorous depictions of animals were made in Fuschl am See (until 1949) and in Vienna. These models were often made of walnut and maple wood, more rarely of exotic woods.
Our polar bear family was produced from approximately the mid-1950s until the late 1960s and is one of the rarely executed animal motifs by Werkstatte Hagenauer.

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