FEMALE FIGURE FRANZ HAGENAUER CA. 1975

Female figure, design by Franz Hagenauer, execution by Werkstätte Hagenauer Wien, ca. 1975, brass, cast, nickel-plated

Throughout his life, Franz Hagenauer regarded himself first and foremost as a sculptor. From an early age he developed a distinctive and stylized formal language. With clarity of reduction and geometric precision, he created an impressive variety of sculptures in which the human body is continually reinterpreted through expressive poses.

The present female figure is a freestanding solid-cast sculpture. The elongated, slender body, with its expressively bent arms, conveys both striking tension and graceful lightness. Hagenauer distills the form to its essence, creating an athletic and androgynous silhouette of flawless clarity and harmonious proportion. Nickel-plated and polished, the surface emits a cool metallic sheen that accentuates the purity of line and contour. Through this consistent simplification, Hagenauer achieves a timeless aesthetic that draws the viewer’s gaze entirely toward the pose and balance of the figure.

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