

# XAVIER EECKHOUT



**Charles ARTUS (Etretat 1897 - Le Havre 1978)**

## **Indian runner duck**

bronze signed

Stamped by the foundry C. Valsuani

1926

21.5 x 9 x 7 cm (8 1/4 x 3 1/4 x 2 3/4 inches)

## **Artist description:**

Charles Artus' works are very rare on the art market and they represent the avant-garde of wildlife art in the 30's. His modernity is linked to the stylisation similar to Pompon's art, a great finesse of execution and expression of a slender elegance.

Already from his first participation to the Salon des Artistes Français in 1920, the critic was dithyrambic: "The young Artus is very talented". (Les carnets de l'atelier, 1928).

Artus was especially interested in small animals characterized by a pure line.

The Metropolitan Museum of New-York and the National Museum of Modern Art in Paris keep a few of his artworks. The exhibition '100 Sculptures Animalières', which took place at the Musée des années 30 in Boulogne-Billancourt (13th April 2012 – 28th October 2012) also honoured Charles Artus' work.