

# XAVIER EECKHOUT



**Thierry VAN RYSWYCK (Anvers 1911 - Vallaurin 1958)**

## **Eating Bear**

Bronze signed and dated 1929

Unique piece, according to the current state of our knowledge

Cast 'cire perdue' by the foundry Batardy, Bruxelles

H. 46,5 ; L. 30,5 ; P. 25,5 cm.

### Related work :

An archive photo of Van Ryswyck modelling the Eating Bear in wax in front of the cages in Antwerp Zoo in 1929.

### **Artist description:**

Thierry van Ryswyck studied sculpture and ceramic at the Academy of Antwerp. He went with Alberic Collin (1886-1962) and Raymond de Meester (1904-1995) to the Antwerp Zoo, but could not, like Collin, meet Bugatti (1885-1916), whose influence is nevertheless evident in his work. He exhibited his first works at the Lamorinière room in Antwerp in 1930, before moving five years later in Paris.