RALPH GIERHARDS

ANTIQUES / FINE ART



22 cm 8.66141732283465

Marble Patinated Bronze 22 x 0 cm (8⁵/₈ x 0 inches) Signed: Jarl

Brown patinated bronze on a black marble base

Jarl studied in Stockholm at the Tekniska skolan (Technical School) and at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna. He was primarily recognized as an animal sculptor. One of his most famous works was a seated lion as a memorial to Major Hackher, the defender of Graz's Schlossberg against the French siege in 1809. The monument, erected in 1909, was melted down in 1943 and replaced in 1966 by a freely conceived recreation by Wilhelm Gösser (1881–1966) at its original location.

Otto Jarl died in his apartment at Theresiengasse 16, Vienna-Währing, and was buried in the family crypt at the Vienna Central Cemetery (Group 31 B, Row 13, No. 23). In honor of the artist, a traffic area in Graz-Puntigam was named Jarlweg in 1929, as was the case in Vienna-Favoriten in 1959.

Literature:

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