



GARDEN COURT ANTIQUES

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## Patinated Art Nouveau-Styled Bronze Sculpture Of A Tern In-Flight by Irénée Rochard, French, Circa 1940.



List: \$2,500

Patinated bronze Art Nouveau-styled sculpture of a tern in-flight over a realistic & highly-detailed ocean wave. Signed on the base "I. Rochard", by the French decorative sculptor, Irénée Rochard, (1906-1984), circa 1940. The bronze sculpture is patinaed dark, rich, green with a highly animated pose that suggests a tern in mid-flight, looking down, intently patrolling the waters for fish. [1. Irénée Rochard was a French decorative sculptor best known for his **Art Nouveau**-styled depictions of animals. Most often working in bronze, he also created several

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Rochard was fascinated by animals, and wished to dedicate his work to their study, creating highly lifelike sculptures born of his carefully observations of many creatures. Born in 1906 in **Villefranche sur Saône, France** to a family of artists, he went on to study at the **École nationale supérieure des beaux-arts** in **Paris** where he met fellow sculptors of animals **François Pompon** and **Edouard Marcel Sandoz**.

In 1938, he became a member of the **Society of French Artists**, winning a gold medal at the **Colonial Exhibition in 1931**. A number of his works were purchased by the **Paris City Council** and the **city of New York**. Rochard died in 1984 in Paris, France. source: [artnet](#) ][2. **Terns**: Common Terns, Caspian Terns, Forster's, and Black Terns represent the sub-family of terns, who are unmistakable in flight. They can be recognized by their angular wings and tails that all end in sharp points along with their tucked in 'chin' looking straight down into the water as they patrol for fish. Their aerial acrobatics are most enjoyable, especially when they hover over the water then dramatically dive in at high speeds to catch their aquatic prey. ] height: 23 in. 58.5 cm., width: 49 in. 124.5 cm., depth: 19 in. 48 cm.



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- Item Number: 19027180
- Country: France
- Period: 1940-1949
- Creation Date: Circa 1940

- Materials: Bronze, Cast bronze
- Height: 23 in., 58.5 cm.
- Length: 128.5 cm., 49 in.
- Depth: 19 in., 48 cm.
- Condition: Very good