



EARLY 20TH CENTURY FRENCH BRONZE STAG FIGHT COMPOSITION BY THOMAS F. CARTIER

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This impressive bronze sculpture was created by Thomas François Cartier (1879–1943), one of the most respected French animal sculptors of the early 20th century. Signed Cartier, the work exemplifies the artist's mastery of naturalistic form, movement, and narrative presence. Cartier first exhibited at the Paris Salon in 1904 and continued to refine his sculptural language over the following decades, ultimately earning a gold medal in 1927. His bronzes are particularly prized for their realism and vitality, especially those depicting animals within tense, dynamic moments drawn from nature. He is listed in the Bénézit Dictionary of Artists, confirming his recognized standing within the canon of French sculpture. (See last picture) The composition centers on a finely observed deer, rendered with anatomical precision and expressive restraint. Cartier captures the animal in a moment of alert stillness, conveying both vulnerability and latent strength. The carefully balanced pose, subtle musculature, and attentive head position create a sense of quiet tension, as if the animal has just sensed movement beyond the frame. This thoughtful composition reflects Cartier's deep understanding of animal behavior and his ability to translate fleeting natural moments into enduring sculptural form. Executed in heavy cast bronze, the sculpture displays excellent modeling and surface detail, enhanced by a rich, naturally aged patina that accentuates depth and texture. The substantial weight underscores the quality of the casting and the seriousness of the work. The sculpture is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use and retains a commanding visual presence. A highly collectible antique bronze, this work would make a striking statement in a library, study, entry hall, or curated collection of fine European sculpture. Dimensions: 22.5"W x 8"D x 11.25"H Weight: 33 lbs