



Imperial War Museum Duxford (152)

Wed, 14th Oct 2015, Imperial War Museum Duxford

Lot 16

Estimate: £1200 - £1600 + Fees

An Icarus Mascot, by Frederick Gordon Crosby, for Bentley Motors, 1920s

A magnificent Icarus factory mascot, designed by Frederick Gordon Crosby, silver-plated bronze construction, commissioned by Walter Bentley for the W.O. Bentley Cricklewood London Factory cars of the 1920s, including the four and a half litre and six and a half litre variants. The mascot signed 'Gordon Crosby' to the side in the correct font that mimics his written signature. This piece was a result of a special commission from Bentley to find an alternative option to the winged B mascot. An example sold for £800 in 1980 at Sothebys Belgravia, London, a World Record Price at the time. See page 106, *Automobilia* by Gordon Gardiner & Alistair Morris. Mounted to a wooden display base and offered in very good original condition.