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CHARLOTTE PERRIAND

bookcase from the Maison du Mexique

Ateliers Jean Prouve | France, 1952 | white pine, enameled aluminum, mahogany 63½ h \times 72 w \times 12½ d in (161 \times 183 \times 32 cm)

This shelving unit was originally designed for la Maison du Mexique, a dormitory at Cite Universitaire, Paris. There were six groups chosen to design various parts of the campus; Perriand was assigned the cafeteria, the meeting rooms, and forty students' rooms. She collaborated with Sonia Delaunay who was in charge of the coloration. The furniture was fabricated at the Ateliers Jean Prouve, the only workshop with which Perriand would work.Literature:Jean Prouve, Seguin and Navarra, illustrated pg. 153Charlotte Perriand: An Art of Living, McLeod, illustrated ppg. 230-231Charlotte Perriand: A Life of Creation, Perriand, see ppg. 240-243 for discussion of the Cite Universitaire project

Provenance: Alan Koppel Gallery, Chicago

Estimate: \$30,000-40,000

Result: \$45,600

