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HARRY BERTOIA

Important early Wire Construction

USA, 1950 | brass melt-coated and welded steel
32¼ h × 13½ w × 5½ d in (82 × 34 × 14 cm)

Harry Bertoia was so fond of this early sculpture that it remained in his personal collection until his death. The influence of Paul Klee is evident in this experimental work, and Bertoia's exploration of form and line is a nod to Surrealist sensibilities.

Sold with a title of authentication from Bertoia Studio and a photocopy of the original invoice from Staempfli Gallery.

Provenance: Estate of the artist | Acquired from Staempfli Gallery, New York in 1984 by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Sirak, Columbus, OH | Private collection

Exhibited: *Harry Bertoia*, 15 September - 10 October 1981, Staempfli Gallery, New York

Literature: *The World of Bertoia*, Schiffer and Bertoia, pg. 144 illustrates this work *Harry Bertoia 1915-1978*, Staempfli Gallery exhibition catalog, unpaginated, illustrates this work

Estimate: \$70,000–90,000

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Result: \$125,000

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