



Ernst Barlach: Sculpture "The Stroller" (1912), bronze reduction

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"It was a compatriot who boarded the train between Güstrow and Rostock. He sat opposite me with his mighty body so motionless that our knees touched, and there was no possibility to sketch. There was nothing left for me to do but to keep him in focus until I finally knew him by heart." This is how Ernst Barlach describes his encounter with the fellow traveller who would later inspire his sculpture.

A mature man trudges against the wind with his hands clasped behind his back. The sculpture is reminiscent of Goethe's Privy Councillor. One could also think of the great Ludwig van Beethoven making his way through the old streets of Vienna in an overcoat. Both faced the wind and many a storm with courage and a spirit of dissent throughout their lives.

Barlach, just like Goethe, just like Beethoven, was a passionate hiker and walker. Only in exceptional cases is continuing life's journey considered a stroll. With eyes searching in the distance and whistling a defiant tune, Barlach's walker offers his defiance to everything. His walker shows some backbone. He does not go astray. He stands up to the wind. Great forcefulness emanates from him. It conveys impressive insight, strength and power. Free from the ideas of generations, from the spirit of the times and fashions, Barlach's stroller goes his way unflinchingly in originality and strength. (Dr Friedhelm Häring - former museum director and curator)

Fine bronze sculpture, cast by hand using the Lost-Wax-Process, chiselled and patinated. Directly moulded from the original and reduced in size (reduction). Limited edition of 980 copies, individually numbered and with the signature "E. Barlach" taken from the original as well as the foundry hallmark. ars mundi Exclusive Edition. With numbered certificate of authenticity and limitation. Size 28 x 13,5 x 9,5 cm (h/w/d). Weight 4,8 kg.

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