



Auguste Rodin: Sculpture "Pierre de Wissant", bronze version

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Rodin's famous "Burghers of Calais" are a historical symbol of self-sacrifice: During the 100-year war, Calais was besieged by the English fleet and provided heroic resistance for 11 months until the inhabitants, suffering from famine, offered to surrender. King Edward III accepted under the condition that 6 citizens voluntarily accepted to be executed on behalf of the town: "bare-headed and shoeless - dressed in the poor sinner's smock and with a rope around their necks". At the request of Queen Philippine, Edward III spared the lives of the brave men and refrained from destroying the city.

For the first time in 1886, Auguste Rodin did not depict a powerful man in his major work but the courageous deed of ordinary citizens. Today, as national monuments in England and France, a cast of the life-size sculptural group stands behind the Houses of Parliament in London, in the garden of the Musée Rodin in Paris - and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

True to the original museum replica. Edition in fine bronze, cast using the Lost-Wax-Process, chiselled by hand, polished and patinated. Height 43 cm. Weight approx. 6 kg.

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