



RODIN, Auguste

Paris 1840 - Meudon, Hauts-de-Seine 1917

Maker: Rudier, Eugène

L'Âge d'airain

The Age of Bronze

modeled 1877, cast before 1915 [archives, Musée Rodin, Paris]

bronze, sand cast [archives, Musée Rodin, Paris]

statue

71 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Acc. No.: 1940.141

Credit Line: Gift of Alma de Bretteville Spreckels

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Provenance

- 1915, Commissioned by Auguste Rodin [archives, Musée Rodin, Paris]
- 1915, Cast by Eugène Rudier (1875-1952) who continued using the mark of his father Alexis Rudier (?-1897)
- 1915, Acquired during the exhibition of San Francisco, no. 94 by Alma de Bretteville Spreckels [archives, Musée Rodin, Paris]
- 1924, Loaned to the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco [archives, Musée Rodin, Paris]
- 1940, Gift of Alma de Bretteville Spreckels

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- 1981 Butler

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2017 *Blanchetière*

François Blanchetière, *L'Enfer selon Rodin*, éditions du musée Rodin, édition Norma, Paris, 2017, cat. 1

Exhibitions

- 1915 San Francisco

Panama Pacific International Exposition, Pavillon français, Exposition rétrospective d'art français 1870-1910, grande salle centrale, San Francisco, 1915, n° 94

1981-1982 Washington

Rodin Rediscovered, Washington, DC., National Gallery of Art, June 28, 1981-May 2, 1982, organized by Albert E. Elsen, Kirk Varnedoe, and Ruth Butler, cat. no.21, p. 315
