

Mermaid Statue

Jacques Ignace Hittorff

ca 1820

cast iron with green patina finish

Place de la Concorde, Paris.

The architect and sculptor, Hittorff, created the mermaid and mermen as central characters for the Place de la Concorde fountain in Paris. Each figure, weighing approximately 1200 pounds, carried a mythical sea creature measuring almost 3' long through whose mouth water spouted. The Fountain underwent renovations at the beginning of the 20th century and these original sculptures, then already one hundred years old, were replaced with replicas standing in the fountains to this day. Even the reproductions that stand in the fountain today would never be offered for sale. This ensures these original mermen and matching mermaid elite status as the most important figures created by Hittorff ever presented for sale.

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6'-3"h x 2'-7"w x 3'd

Mermaid on view at the Franklin Street showroom.

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\$350,000 each

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