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Fri, 30th Apr 2021, Mall Galleries | London

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Viewing from 27-30 April at The Mall Galleries, London

Lot 175

Estimate: £2500 - £3500 + Fees

§ Sir Jacob Epstein K.B.E. (British 1880-1959) **Third Portrait of Meum (mask), conceived in 1918**

bronze, on a stepped base

the bronze 23cm high (9in high) excluding base, overall 32.5cm high (12.75in high)

Provenance:

Private Collection, USA;

Bonhams, London, 22 November 2016, Lot 160;

Private Collection, UK.

Literature:

R. Buckle, *Jacob Epstein Sculptor*, Faber & Faber, London, 1963, p.94, pl.145 (illustrated another cast);

E. Silber, *The Sculpture of Epstein*, Phaidon, Oxford, 1986, pp.142-3, cat. no.89 (illustrated another cast).

Buckle noted that that the mask of Meum 'was one of three 'Masks' Epstein modelled between 1916 and 1918. The idea of making masks, that is, faces with no backs to them, was probably inspired by African sculpture'. (Buckle, p.94)