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This year for TEFAF Maastricht 2022, we are extremely pleased to return to the fair with a selection of rare and unique designs from two important French interior designers of the 1950s and 1960s: Joseph-André Motte (1925–2013) and Maxime Old (1910–1991). Motte and Old, despite their age difference, were colleagues and friends. With a mutual respect for one another, they often collaborated to organize various Salon des Artistes Décorateurs (SAD), of which both were actively involved.

Over the course of his career, Joseph-André Motte had mostly produced models for industry as well as important models for prestigious public commissions. He was not actively involved in creating furniture for private clients commissioned for their specific environments, which makes his rare *Dining Table with Extensions* and *Pair of Wall Cabinets*, both c. 1965, of special interest. We present these pieces here for the first time.

In 1965–1966, Motte designed the Paris apartment of Mr. and Mme. Stellin. For their dining room, he created a multi-functional five-meters long wall cabinet in Palisander and Sycamore and a dining table comprised of the same wood and with an impressive base in bronze. The bronze base is signed by Motte and dedicated to the client — the first time we see this in a Motte work, revealing the importance of this historic commission and the special relationship between designer and client.

Also by Motte, we are showing *Directional Desk* (1966) in satinwood with smoked glass legs. Only two desks are known to have been produced: one he designed for the director's office of Dunkerque's seaport in 1967, and our desk. While the integration of glass into furniture is typical of this era in the 1960s, the arch shape of this desktop is unique and quite elegant as it is suspended by two



smoked glass pieces. The desk will be accompanied by the very rare 'Confort' Desk Chair, Model 3001 (1964) by Antoine Philippon and Jacqueline Lecoq from the series designed for Les Huchers-Minvielle. Our particular model is even more rare with its unusual high back.

Alongside Motte's pieces is a rare, chromed metal and marble *Desk Lamp* by Marc Held from c.1968. Never produced commercially, these lamps were only made for specific projects and installations. To culminate the chapter dedicated to Motte we are also bringing the now iconic *Light Table* (1958), designed for Charron in Palisander and lacquered wood with opaline glass. This design is an example of Motte's attempt to integrate light into furniture and architecture in order to avoid the regular sources of light coming from floor and table lamps.

Motte works will be paired with a selection of Maxime Old pieces that will be shown for the first time. Maxime Old belongs to an older generation of decorators than Motte, and only worked for private and public commissions. Salon Sofa, Model 369 (1957) has a waxed wild Cherry wooden structure and a remarkable, sculptural V-shaped back support. We were familiar with the model from archival photographs of its 1959 presentation at the Salon des Artistes Décorateurs, but we never had a chance to see a real one before acquiring one during the pandemic. Our sofa came from a private commission made in 1957 and was kept by the family until now.

The sofa is complemented by *Pair of Armchairs, Model* 369 (1957). This model was originally designed for the famous Hotel Marhabata in Casablanca in 1953–1954, and presented in 1954 at the Salon des Artistes Décorateurs. Our selection of chairs was purchased directly from Maxime Old in 1956 by the same client who commissioned the *Salon Sofa*.



Also by Maxime Old is a rare Set of 4 'Conseil' Chairs in Birch wood and fabric. This model was designed for the Salle du Conseil Municipal de l'Hotel de Ville de Rouen in 1963. We will be presenting these chairs with the Motte dining table as both are from the same period and with the same level of superb quality.

Alongside these two main groupings of works, we will also show rare lighting from the French company Disderot, including a 1960 *J-2 Floor Lamp* by Motte in a rare version with its original textile shade, a *B1 Floor Lamp* (1956) by René-Jean Caillette, a rare André Simard *ES 2 Table Lamp* (c.1956) made of a Rotaflex shade and lacquered metal, and an even more rare *KR5 Ceiling Lamp* (1960) in Mahogany and satin glass by Janine Abraham and Dirk Jan Rol, of which very few were produced at that time.

Our presentation concludes with a selection of paintings by French painter Eugène Leroy with a focus on the 1950s and 1960s, which are the earlier decades of his rich and long career. Demisch Danant has presented Eugène Leroy works for the past two years at TEFAF Maastricht and TEFAF New York. This new selection of works precedes a larger show we will organize in our New York gallery in the fall of this year.

## Maxime Old

Salon Sofa, Model 369, 1957

Waxed wild cherry, foam, fabric, patinated brass, leather

33.86 H × 78.74 × 30.71 inches 86 H × 200 × 78 cm

Seat height: 15 inches (38 cm)

# Provenance:

Private collection, Paris Commissioned directly from the artist, thence by descent

#### Exhibited:

41st Salon des Artistes Décorateurs. 1959, Grand Palais, Paris.

#### Literature:

Badetz, Yves. Maxime Old: Architecte-Décorateur. Paris, Norma, 2000, pp. 236, 238-239, 247. Print.









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## Maxime Old

Pair of Armchairs, Model 369, 1957

Waxed wild cherry, foam, fabric

33.86 H × 27.56 × 30.71 inches 86 H × 70 × 78 cm

Seat height: 15.75 inches (40 cm)

#### Provenance:

Private collection, Paris Commissioned directly from the artist, thence by descent

#### Exhibited:

38th Salon des Artistes décorateurs. 18 May - 4 Jul. 1954, Grand Palais, Paris. Similar model presented.

# Literature:

Badetz, Yves. *Maxime Old: Architecte-Décorateur.*Paris, Norma, 2000, p.202. Print.





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René-Jean Caillette

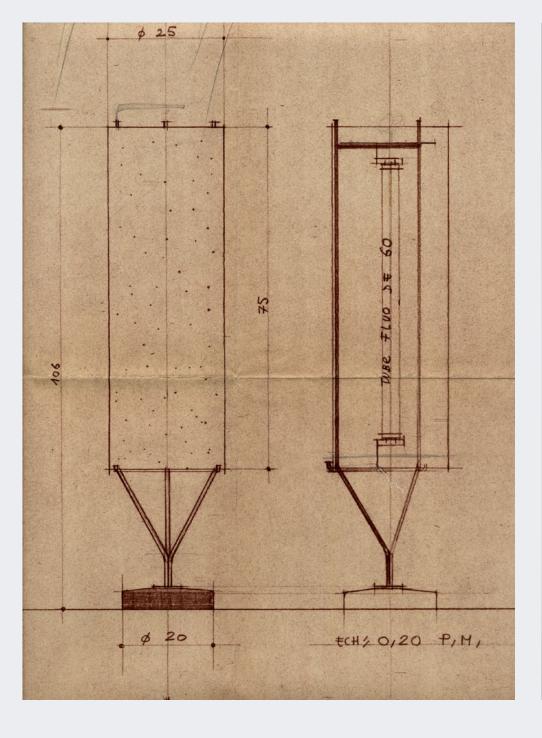
B1 Floor Lamp

Wood, tubular brass, shade

43.31 H × 9.45 D inches 110 H × 24 D cm

**Edition Disderot** 







André Simard

*ES 2 Table Lamp*, c. 1956

Lacquered metal, Rotaflex

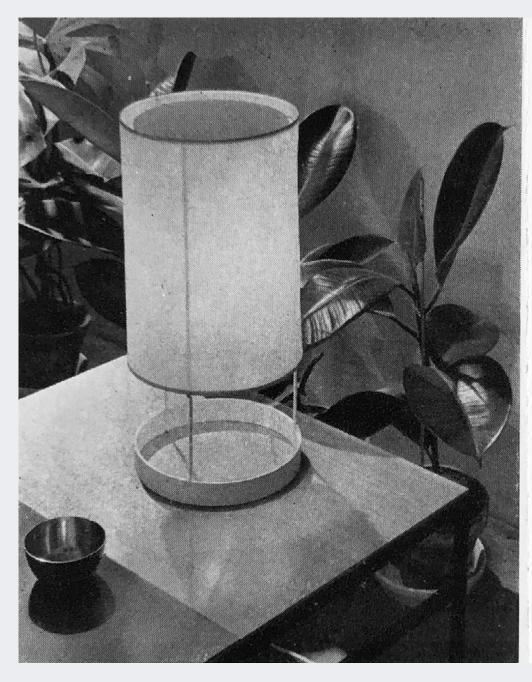
17.72 H × 8.27 D inches 45 H × 21 D cm

**Edition Disderot** 

Literature:

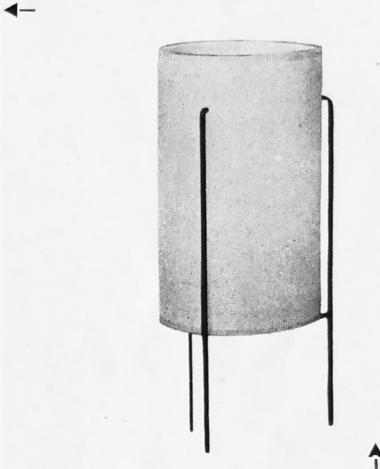
Catalogue. Paris, Éditions Pierre Disderot, c. 1956, Similar model presented. Print.





ES 2 - Cylindre ROTAFLEX, sur piètement en métal laqué blanc. Equipé, douille, fil et fiche.

Hauteur 450 - Diamètre 210.



R 15 - Cylindre ROTAFLEX, sur piètement en métal laqué noir. Equipé, douille, fil et fiche. Hauteur 350 - Diamètre 145.

#### Maxime Old

Set of 4 "Conseil" Chairs, 1963

Birch, foam, fabric

34.65 H × 22.83 × 19.69 inches 88 H × 58 × 50 cm

Seat height: 18.1 inches (46 cm)

Original model designed for the Salle du Conseil Municipale de l'Hotel de Ville de Rouen, 1963.

# Literature:

Badetz, Yves. *Maxime Old: Architecte-Décorateur.* Paris, Norma, 2000, p.265. Print.







Francis Jourdain

Gueridon, c. 1920

Walnut, burr walnut

17.72 H × 19.69 D inches
45 H × 50 D cm

Stamped "FJ"
on underside









Dining Table with Extensions, c. 1965

Bronze, Santos Palisander

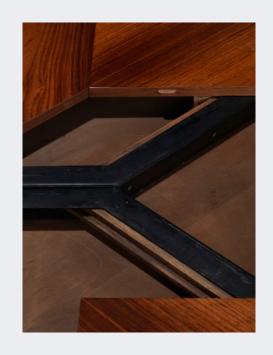
 $31.5 \times 58.66 \times 58.66$  inches 80 H × 149 × 149 cm

Extended lengths: 70.5 or 78.4 inches (179 or 199 cm)

Engraved on base "Pour M. Stellin, J.A. Motte Decorateur"

Provenance: Private commission, Paris







Pair of Wall Cabinets, c. 1965

Santos Palisander, sycamore, Plexiglas, anodized aluminum, brass

21.65 H × 196.61 × 23.62 inches 55 H × 499.4 × 60 cm

Provenance:
Private commission, Paris













Janine Abraham & Dirk Jan Rol

KR5 Ceiling Lamp, c. 1960

Mahogany, satin glass

3.94 H × 20.87 D inches

10 H × 53 D cm

**Edition Disderot** 





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# Michel Guino

La Nouvelle Eve

Welded copper

40.16 H × 7.48 × 8.66 inches 102 H × 19 × 22 cm

Signed and dated on piece

Unique work

# Provenance:

Private collection, France Galerie Diderot (Marcel Zerbib), Paris Collection Jean Serge Bourgoin, Paris

#### Exhibited:

Sculptures. 1958, Galerie Claude Bernard, Paris.

#### Literature:

Jaquer, Edouard. *Poétique* de la Sculpture, Sculpture 1950-1960. Paris, Éditions Georges Fall, Coll. Le Musée de Poche, 1958, p. 52. Print.





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Daniel Isaac Spoerri

Objet dans l'Espace, 1982

Mixed media

18.11 H × 32.28 × 13.78 inches 46 H × 82 × 35 cm

Provenance:

Collection Marianne & Pierre Nahon, France







Light Table, 1958

Lacquered wood, palisander, opaline glass

12.99 H × 55.12 × 27.56 inches 33 H × 140 × 70 cm

**Edition Charron** 

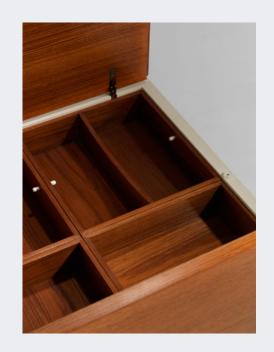
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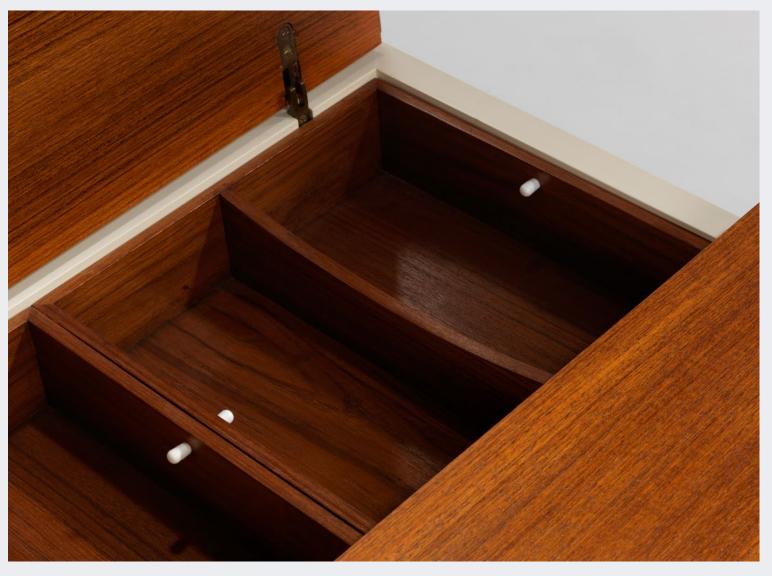
Mobi Boom: L'explosion du design en France 1945-1975. 23 Sep. 2010 - 2Jan. 2011, Musée des Arts Décoratifs, Paris.

#### Literature:

Forest, Dominique. *Mobi Boom : L'explosion du design en France 1945-1975*, Les Arts Décoratifs, Paris, 2010.
Similar example reproduced p. 209. Print.









Joseph-André Motte

J-2 Floor Lamp, c. 1951

Mahogany, lacquered metal, original shade

63.39 H × 21.65 D inches 161 H × 55 D cm

Edition Disderot



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Directional Desk, 1966

Satinwood, painted plywood, smoked glass

29.53 H × 86.61 × 31.89 inches 75 H × 220 × 81 cm

Provenance:
Public commission









Marc Held

Desk Lamp, c. 1968

Chromed metal, marble

23.23 × 26.77 × 9.45 inches 59 H × 68 × 24 cm

# Literature:

Germain, Eric. *Marc Held: Du Design à l'Architecture.* Paris, Èditions Norma, 2009, pp. 91, 92, 96. Print.







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Antoine Philippon and Jacqueline Lecoq

'Confort' Desk Chair, Model 3001, 1964

Cast aluminum, molded plywood, veneer, foam, fabric

33.7-36.6 H × 24.21 × 24.02 inches 85.5-93 H × 61.5 × 61 cm

Seat height: 17.3-20.5 inches (44-52 cm)

Edition Les Huchers-Minvielle

Forest, Dominique. Mobi Boom:

# Literature:

L'Explosion du Design en France 1945 -1975. Paris, Les Arts Décoratifs, 2010, Similar examples reproduced p. 160. Print. Danant, Stephane. Antoine Philippon and Jacqueline Lecoq. Translated by Elizabeth G. Heard, New York, Demisch Danant, 2011, Similar examples reproduced pp. 63-65. Print.









Eugène Leroy

Untitled, 1936

Pen on paper

6.69 H × 8.27 inches
17 H × 21 cm

Signed and
dated lower right

Certificate of
authenticity available.



*L'Âtre*, 1954

Oil on mounted canvas

40.55 H × 33.07 × 1.57 inches 103 H × 84 × 4 cm

Signed and dated 1956 lower right

Signed, titled, and dated 1954 en verso

Provenance:

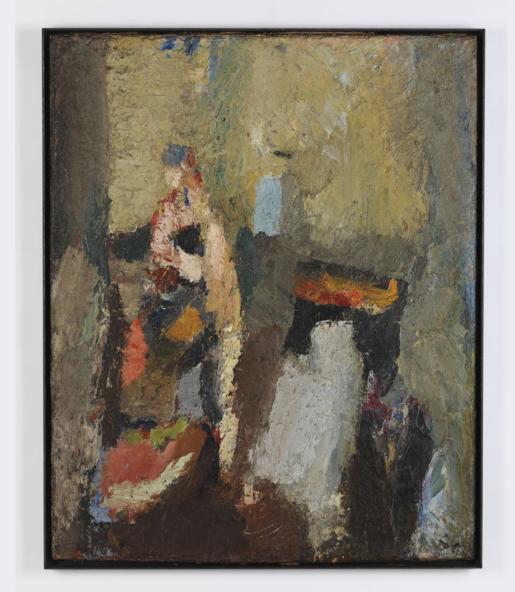
Private collection, Roubaix, France.

# Exhibited:

Eugène Leroy / Jacques Bornibus: Une Complicité, la Peinture, Années 50. 19 Jun - 12 Sep. 2004, Musée des Beaux Arts de Tourcoing, France. Eugène Leroy - Exposition du Centenaire. 10 Oct. 2010 - 31 Mar. 2011, Musée des Beaux Arts Eugène Leroy, Tourcoing, France.

### Literature:

Allemand, Evelyne-Dorothée, et al. Eugène Leroy, Jacques Bornibus: Une Complicité, la Peinture, Années 50: Un Peintre, un Conservateur, un Musée. Tourcoing, Musée des Beaux Arts, 2004, p. 27, 70. Cat. 26. Print. Eugene Leroy - Exposition du Centenaire. Exhibition catalogue. Paris, Éditions Hazan, 2010, p. 140. Print.



Bouquet Valentine, 1956

Oil on canvas

33.86 H × 1.18 × 16.54 inches 86 H × 3 × 42 cm

Signed, titled, and dated en verso

Provenance:

Private collection, Roubaix, France.

Exhibited:

Eugène Leroy / Jacques Bornibus: Une Complicité, la Peinture, Années 50. 19 Jun - 12 Sep. 2004, Musée des Beaux Arts de Tourcoing, France.

### Literature:

Allemand, Evelyne-Dorothée, et al. Eugène Leroy, Jacques Bornibus: Une Complicité, la Peinture, Années 50: Un Peintre, un Conservateur, un Musée. Tourcoing, Musée des Beaux Arts, 2004, p. 54. Print.



Untitled (Maternity), c. 1959

Oil on canvas

39.37 H × 31.89 inches 100 H × 81 cm

Signed and dated lower right

Provenance:

Private collection, Bussels.



# Eugène Leroy Maison au Toit Rouge, c. 1950s Oil on canvas 19.69 H × 23.62 inches 50 H × 60 cm Signed lower right

Provenance:
Private collection, Belgium.



Deux Arbres, 1962

Oil on canvas

76.77 H × 51.18 inches 195 H × 130 cm

## Provenance:

Collection Simone and André Droulez, Reims, France

# Exhibited:

Eugène Leroy. April 1963, Galerie Claude Bernard, Paris. Eugène Leroy. 1963, Galerie André Droulez, Reims.

# Literature:

Eugène Leroy. Galerie Claude Bernard, Paris, April 1963, lot number 15. Print. Eugène Leroy. Galerie André Droulez, Reims, 1963, work number 5. Print.







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Eugène Leroy

Untitled, 1968

Oil on canvas

25.59 H × 21.26 inches
65 H × 54 cm

Signed and dated lower
right "E. Leroy 68"

Provenance: Galerie Daniel Templon, Paris Private collection



Untitled, c. 1970

Gouache on paper

85.04 H × 2.95 × 65.75 inches 216 H × 7.5 × 167 cm

Unframed: 78 H × 59 inches (198 H × 150 cm)

Provenance:

Private collection, Lille, France Yves-Loup Bourdoncle, Roubaix, France

# Exhibited:

Eugène Leroy, Oeuvres sur Papier. 25 June - 19 Oct. 2010, Galerie Bruno Mory, Bonnay, France. Peintures, Gouaches et Dessins: Robert Guinan, Eugène Leroy, Charles Mansion. June - 28 Sept. 2014, Centre d'Art Contemporain, Château de Tanlay, Yonne, France.



# **About Demisch Danant**

Demisch Danant was founded in 2005 by Suzanne Demisch and Stephane Danant. The gallery specializes in twentieth-century French design with an emphasis on the late 1950s through the 1970s and represents the work of Maria Pergay, Pierre Paulin, Jacques Dumond, Joseph-André Motte, Pierre Guariche, Michel Boyer, Philippon & Lecoq and René-Jean Caillette. Curated exhibitions on historical work are presented within environments that reference architecture and interiors of the era.

The gallery also features exhibitions concerning the intersection of architecture, design and art, including the work of Sheila Hicks and César.

Demisch Danant is dedicated to research and scholarship on French design and has published and authored monographs including *Antoine Philippon and Jacqueline Lecoq, Maria Pergay: Complete Works 1957-2010, Maria Pergay by François Halard,* and *Maria Pergay: Sketch Book.* Current projects include a comprehensive monograph on seminal designer Joseph-André Motte and a new book about works by Sheila Hicks commissioned for architectural projects.