

Quentin Bell concrete bust of Olivia Bell

Sold



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Height: 60 cm (23.6")

Width: 50 cm (19.7")

Depth: 40 cm (15.7")

Description

Quentin Bell 1910-1996. Concrete bust of Olivia Bell, his wife. Known by the artist as his 'busty girls'. Circa 1960. One of ten known to have been produced.

Purchased from Quentin Bell by his neighbour P Bottomley.

Quentin Bell (1910-1996) was a British art historian, writer, and biographer, best known for his biography of his aunt, Virginia Woolf: *A Biography* (1972), which remains a definitive account of her life. The son of Clive and Vanessa Bell, he grew up within the Bloomsbury Group, deeply influenced by its intellectual and artistic atmosphere.

Bell was also a painter, potter, and professor, teaching at several universities, including Oxford and Sussex. His works explored art, literature, and social history, reflecting his deep engagement with modernism. His writings remain influential in studies of Woolf and Bloomsbury culture.