

Vienna Bronze Fakes

NEWSLETTER

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Dear collector,

Today I wanted to talk about something else in the wide field of 'Vienna Bronze' fraudulent sellers, of so called 'Vienna Bronzes', but this newsletter is more or less an addendum to the previous one due to the latest developments. And it became longer as expected because of all the examples, pictures and feedbacks. My research showed me that these British criminals are more creative and dangerous than I had thought in the beginning.

Again the feedback to my last newsletter was overwhelming and I have been contacted by numerous victims who joined us in the fight. One gentleman from Chicago (a platinum buyer!), who just started collecting Vienna Bronze, bought five items and at least three of them are counterfeit. Claims have already been filed. The amount at stake is a couple of thousand Dollars! Yesterday he shipped a package to us with his items and I will examine them meticulously once the package arrives. Three items were already reported in my last newsletter and we will have to find out whether at least the other two are genuine.

The virus is spreading and has already reached our shores! Recently a novice seller of this stuff appeared in the U.S. = [nadroj992012](#). It does not hurt to memorize this new user I.D. on eBay.

Here are some other horrible examples of what these sellers dare to offer, some with multiple sales that I did not always mention specifically:



[RARE FRANZ BERGMAN COLD PAINTED BRONZE FIGURE FIGURINE BL...](#)
[y-bri-collectables](#) | 1516 | 100.0%

Multiple offers with always the same image



[A Rare Antique Bergman Cold Painted Bronze Negro Boy Smo...](#)
[fdcdm1923](#) | 482 | 100.0%



[RARE ANTIQUE GESCHUTZT BRONZE BERGMAN NEGRO FIGURE SMOKI...](#)

[laserbid9](#) | 1848 | 100.0%

Multiple offers



RARE ANTIQUE BERGMAN COLD PAINTED BRONZE FIGURE OF A BOY ...

supersummertime | 599 | 99.0%

Always check the feedbacks! They often tell you with whom you are dealing with and how their performance is:

Feedback	From/price	Date/time
<p>Images & Description mis-leading stand doesn't fit block but looks like it does</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reply by supersummertime (Aug-22-12 09:17): ALL HAT BLOCK STANDS ARE MADE LOOSE FITTING THEY DO NOT FIT TIGHTLYFollow-up by daphs (Aug-28-12 01:22): INCORRECT, THEY NEED TO BE FIRM & THIS WASN'T JUST LOOSE!!!!	<p>Buyer: daphs (1161 ★)</p>	<p>Aug-22-12 00:44 </p>
<p>ANTIQUE VINTAGE WOODEN TREEN HAT BLOCK WIG STAND SHOP DISPLY (#221096287689)</p>	<p>GBP 41.00</p>	<p>View Item</p>
<p>Seller agreed to refund, but I had to contact ebay to secure the refund</p> <p>HAZEL WALKING STICK SHAFT SEASONED WOOD MAKE YOUR OWN WALKING STICKS (#220948700180)</p>	<p>Buyer: lynger785 (23 ★)</p> <p>GBP 15.00</p>	<p>Mar-09-12 22:49 </p>
<p>not so good woodworm and stain on canvas not quite as described</p>	<p>Buyer: chockywocky (1400 ★)</p> <p>No longer a registered user</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reply by supersummertime (Feb-11-12 03:07):	<p>Feb-10-12 08:46 </p>

PLEASE CONTACT ME BEFORE LEAVING NEG FEEDBACK I COULD HAVE HELPED

PAIR VINTAGE 1960/70S GBP 30.00
WESTON SUPER MARE DECK
CHAIR VW CAMPER CLASSIC
CAR DECOR (#220946756511)

 Lovely item and sent fast .But packaging a Disgrace!!! Buyer: Nov-09-11 13:27 

foxpin2 ([467](#) )

- **Reply** by supersummertime (Nov-09-11 23:40):

UNFAIR FEEDBACK ITEM ARRIVED SAFE AND FAST SO PACKING WAS FINE. BLOCKED BIDDER

- **Follow-up** by foxpin2 (Jan-05-12 06:10):

A paper bubble bag is not acceptable for fragile items for YOU to save money!!!

VINTAGE SOLID STERLING GBP 102.00
SILVER GALLERY TRAY BY
FISHER (#220879698826)

 Packing terrible & goods damaged-refund offered if I pay return post-bad deal ! Buyer: Aug-15-12 10:49 

[chanterelleparkantiques](#) ([867](#) )

- **Reply** by supersummertime (Aug-15-12 12:19):

UNFAIR E-BAY IS CLEAR ON BUYERS REFUND POLICY I OFFERD REFUND ON RETURN OF ITEM

- **Follow-up** by chanterelleparkantiques (Aug-15-12 15:24):

Why should I be out of pocket just because you packed something badly - think !!

RARE ANTIQUE DOME TOP GBP 27.01
BOX LETTER CADDY FAUX
TORTOISESHELL DESIGN
PAPIER MACHE
(#221089189542)

[View Item](#)

 **DISGRACE TO EBAY.** NDS BANNING. RTND ITEM YET NO PRMSD RFND GIVEN. **AWFUL SELLER** Buyer: May-13-12 08:32 

lochoars ([496](#) )

- **Reply** by supersummertime (May-15-12 00:40):

SORRY WAS AWAY AND UNABLE TO E-BAY CASE IS NOW SETTLED & REFUNDED BY E-BAY SORRY

- **Follow-up** by lochoars (May-22-12 14:21):

MORE **LIES**. TK WKS TO GET MY MONEY BACK ONLY VIA EBAY TOO!
BUYERS LK AT FDBACK?

RARE ANTIQUE BURR GBP 157.11
WALNUT MUSIC STAND
CANTERBURY MAGAZINE
RACK C1860
(#220988185288)



Dishonest trickster.S/B
banned.1 mth Refund!Cost me
£stg.DONT/WATCH/BEWARE

Buyer:
krist806 ([277](#) ★)

May-07-12 04:57



- **Reply** by supersummertime (May-07-12 05:30):

AS EXPECTED SAME BUYER V DISHONEST ABUSE OF FB SYSTEM ADD TO
BLOCKED BIDDER

- **Follow-up** by krist806 (May-10-12 14:01):

Pretends E-Bay ignorance.Doesn't know rfd system - RIGHT!! U chase for yr
money!

RARE SHAPE ANTIQUE GBP 25.00
FOLD OUT KNIFE BOX BURR
WALNUT WITH TULIP WOOD
BANDING (#220993436693)



Not as described. Poor
package + not secure.Not use
again! **Watch out +beware!**

Buyer:
krist806 ([277](#) ★)

May-06-12 14:40



- **Reply** by supersummertime (May-07-12 01:31):

ABUSE OF FEEDBACK NEVER CONTACTED ME BOUGHT 2 ITEMS I EXPECT
MORE NEG FB UNFAIR

- **Follow-up** by krist806 (May-10-12 13:56):

Dishonest! I repaired or my return cost £19!Tricky get refund! Dont be deceived.

RARE LARGE ANTIQUE GBP 65.55
CAMPAIGN COLLECTORS
CABINET COIN MEDAL

INTREST (#220992658530)

 Poorly packed, charged twice actual postage, vintage box damaged. Unhelpful. Buyer: Mar-12-12 13:44 
3783nigel ([2908](#) )

▪ **Reply** by supersummertime (Mar-12-12 14:44):

LISTING HAD P&P SHOWN CLEARLY BEFORE YOU BID? IF NOT HAPPY WHY NOT RETURN??????

▪ **Follow-up** by 3783nigel (Mar-13-12 21:48):

Item was fine. Postage excessive for item wrapped in one sheet of xmas paper

RARE LARGE 22" VINTAGE GBP 10.00
PEDIGREE 1970S SOFT TOY
CAT TEDDY BEAR TRI ANG
IRELAND (#220947278502)

 The bark on the sticks was diseased & showing signs of rot worst ebayer ever Buyer: Feb-20-12 02:21 
kitchengadgetsdirect ([138](#) )

HAZEL WALKING STICK
SHAFT SEASONED WOOD
MAKE YOUR OWN WALKING
STICKS SHANK
(#220946745624)



[FRANZ BERGMAN AUSTRIAN COLD-PAINTED BRONZE FIGURE OF A BO...](#)
[itsabeautifuldaytoday](#) | [7454](#) | 99.6%



[AUSTRIAN COLD-PAINTED BRONZE FIGURE OF A BOY SMOKING A PIPE](#)

[itsabeautifuldaytoday](#) | [7652](#) | 99.6%

⊖ THIS IS NOT FROM THE 18 CENTURY. **NOT WORTH TWO DOLLARS.**

Buyer:

[wallyanddarlenedog](#) ([269](#) ★)

Oct-03-12 13:05

18th CENTURY CHINESE FAMILLE ROSE PORCELAIN SAUCER DISH (#110943106334)GBP 33.24 [View Item](#)

⊖ This **is a fake! not old!**

Buyer:

[awen3392](#) ([104](#) ★)

Apr-01-12 21:28

19th CENTURY CHINESE BLUE & WHITE PORCELAIN BALUSTER VASE & COVER (#110830687650)GBP 51.00

⊖ This is a poorly made copy!

Buyer:

[awen3392](#) ([104](#) ★)

Apr-01-12 21:28

19th CENTURY JAPANESE BLUE & WHITE PORCELAIN VASE, CRANES IN THE RUSHES, MEIJI (#110830687646)GBP 14.99

⊖ bad sellerBuyer:

[antiquebuyer88](#) (private)

Jan-03-12 22:58

18TH CENTURY CHINESE FAMILLE VERTE OCTAGONAL PLATE (#120814353084)GBP 178.00

⊖ bad seller

Buyer:

[antiquebuyer88](#) (private)

Jan-02-12 20:04

18th CENTURY CHINESE FAMILLE VERTE PORCELAIN OCTAGONAL PLATE (#120815867274)GBP 149.99



signed GESCHUTZT Painted Bronze of negro boy laying. NO ...
leonardsgreatstuff | 1215 | 99.7%



FRANZ BERGMAN OF AUSTRIA COLD PAINTED BRONZE FIGURE OF A ...
simonscottcollectables | 2582 | 100.0%



FRANZ BERGMAN OF AUSTRIA COLD PAINTED BRONZE FIGURE OF A ...
simonscottcollectables | 2697 | 100.

Multiple sales



ANTIQUÉ FRANZ BERGMAN COLD PAINTED BRONZE FIGURINE BLACK ...
firetrap3 | 104 | 100.0%

Also multiple offers with the identical photo.
This seller appeared already several times in my previous newsletters
and I fear he is a questionable individual.

You find reproduced products over and over again on his eBay site.
Please see below where you find him again.



[FRANZ BERGMAN COLD-PAINTED BRONZE NEGRO BOY SMOKING A PIP...](#)
[projectsal48](#) | [501](#) | 99.4%



[vSUPERB FRANZ BERGMAN 4219 NEGRO BOY SMOKING PIPE PAPERWEI...](#)
[billat13](#) | [5319](#) | 99.7%



[Cold Painted Austrian Bronze Arabian Boy Figurine](#)
[thatsyourlot1](#) | [42](#) | 95.3%

This seller is very questionable. He offered and sold already
many different types of the examples that we mentioned in our reports.



SUPERB BERGMAN AUSTRIAN BRONZE NEGRO BOY

topnotchgear ([4163](#) ★) me

Open the links and see for yourself. Fortunately many of these items did not sell. The quality is simply too bad, although a few weeks ago it was even worse.

The **original** of this object had been created by **Franz Bergmann** in several variations, but these guys are not even close. I happen to own one of the authentic bronzes and this is a perfect example where **pictures speak more than a thousand words**:



The masters of the Bergmann studio would have scrapped the other monsters right away.

Still they make a lot of money because they have learned that many potential buyers are newcomers and do not have the experience that is required to protect them from being ripped off. - The more identical fake items appear on the market, the more people will realize what is going on.

Another example that I have seen for about a year:



1913 artnouveau nude lady bronze pin dish. by adria ausstellurg. austrian.
24071954 | 492 | 100.0%



1913 Austrian Brass / Bronze Nude Woman / Naked Lady Pin ...
seewatson | 81 | 100.0%



[Art Nouveau Wien Adria Austellung Vienna Bronze Lady Pin](#)

[grey003](#) | [1427](#) | 99.7%

According to my research everything in this newsletter seems to come from the same source.

The following 'creation' is **new on the market** and I have seen it only about four times. And they sell for enormous prices, every time for much more than \$ 1,000!



[Original Bergman Vienna Bronze Alligator with Hidden Nake...](#)
[firetrap3](#) | [107](#) | 100.0%

Multiple offers of the same item.
In my newsletters you have seen this seller several times with different examples.
So be careful.



[RARE COLD PAINTED CROCODILE BRONZE WITH SECRET HIDDEN NUDE](#)
[pugmania62](#) | [698](#) | 98.9%

This seller is in the market since a long time and EVERYTHING he offers is not genuine. Always the same items or the same type of items. And of course private feedbacks.

Examples of his feedbacks making you speechless:

seller is untrustworthy, sells **fakes** Buyer:

[jack02840idislikestyrofoam](#) ([668](#))

Dec-06-11 16:35 ----Private seller is untrustworthy, sells fakesBuyer:

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- **Follow-up** by [jack02840idislikestyrofoam](#) (Dec-11-11 17:53):

NOTICE ALL GOOD FEEDBACK FROM SAME PERSON, SHILL BIDDER

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jack02840idislikestyrofoam ([668](#) )

Dec-06-11 16:35  ----Private  seller is deceitful and sells fakesBuyer:

jack02840idislikestyrofoam ([668](#) )

Dec-06-11 16:27  ----Private  Coral is plastics.Return shipping with tracking costs>\$100.Seller doesn't care.Buyer

cherrywxn2008 ([283](#) )

Nov-04-11 11:54 

- **Follow-up** by cherrywxn2008 (Nov-13-11 21:06):

Counterfeit seller,**shill bidding**.antique coral rattle is not antique nor coral.



[Original Bergman Vienna Bronze Alligator with Hidden Naked Lady Inside - V Rare](#)

[nadroj992012](#) (1)

This lady is the newcomer in the U.S. I mentioned at the beginning and everything that she offered and offers are the same type of fakes that I have introduced in this and my previous newsletters.

Obviously these are professionals networking internationally.

See example below of the lioness.

View items for sale

This is how they work. First, they test the market with just a few items and after they see how it works the inflation starts.



[Antique Bergman Vienna Bronze Lioness - Cold Painted - Si...](#)

[nadroj992012](#) (1)



[Antique Bergman Vienna Bronze Lioness - Cold Painted - Si...](#)

[1-stop-emporium](#) | 24123 | 99.5%

High bidder: Private

Multiple sales of the same item

As already mentioned last time this user is the head of the gang.



Antique Bergman Vienna Bronze Lion - Cold Painted - Signed

1-stop-emporium | 24123 | 99.5%

Your max bid: GBP 13.00

High bidder: Private

Multiple sales of the same item

The head of these reproductions who is not aware of the fact that I have identified the games he plays had the nerve to **contact me** the other day and wanted to purchase more items from us. I told him that they were sold out; in fact most of them were.

Sending these newsletters to you is of course not the only activity. We distribute the results of our research and the experience of friends by any means, through our professional network, the media and last but not least we have not given up trying to convince the platform that allows all this, I mean eBay, even though this is the hardest challenge.

You can help us with the latter by reporting the sellers to eBay and filing claims with eBay and PayPal in case you should be one of the victims. In any case, spread the word; inform your friends, other collectors and dealers. Every voice helps with weeding out the roots.

More shocking information has been gathered already that I will share with you next time. Until then stay alert.

Kind regards,

Kurt G. Kutt

P.S.

Will be updated with additional examples.

Please consider this report as confidential and do NOT forward it to one of the sellers and warn them. It would jeopardize our campaign.

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