



**Efthimios ZOLOTAS**

**ZOLOTAS. La Chrysothèque. An 18k gold necklace with Herakles knot.**

Stamped with Zolotas hallmark.

Gross weight approx. 12,30 gr.

Directly inspired from the early Hellenistic goldsmithery, this necklace is composed of a beautiful gold braided chain ending on each side with a lion head made of long hollow tubular gold sheet, the heads worked in repoussé. In their mouth, and joining the two parts, a beautiful Herakles knot with a central flower.

*It is accompanied with Zolotas box and paper*

**Literature**

*ΑΝΤΙΓΑΦΑ ΑΡΧΑΙΩΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΩΝ ΚΟΣΜΗΜΑΩΝ, la Chrysothèque - Zolotas, 1983, pp. 56-57, n°356*

**Artist description:**

The Greek firm of Zolotas was founded in 1895 in Athens at the foot of the Acropolis by Efthimios Zolotas.

After gaining experience at the ateliers in Paris he returned home determined to use what he had learnt to start his own business. In doing so he wanted to create a jewellery house that combined the traditions and style of his homeland with Parisian standards of craftsmanship. The firm was immediately successful and Zolotas was soon able to open his own workshop adjacent to the store on Aiolou Street. In 1904 he married his wife Konstantina and their son Xenofon was born the following year. By this time his work had come to the attention of the Greek Royal family and in 1910 he created a series of jewels for them to wear to the coronation of England's King George V.