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Original documents, materials and craftsmanship

General Decoration owns the exclusive licence to the original sketches and drawings of the celebrated Belgian designer in a catalogue of about 70 objects - ranging from Fire accessories, table through coat racks to wall lamps.

Each of our original objects produced today is therefore manufactured according to the initial product development plans defined by Jules Wabbes.

General decoration only works with a selected few artisans in Belgium that meet Jules Wabbes' attention to details and perfectionism.

We are still producing each of his objects using the exact same materials he used, crafted in small quantities by artisans in Belgium. Each General decoration metal object is then stamped to certify of its authenticity.

Wabbes family heritage

After the passing of Jules Wabbes, General Decoration has however never ceased to exist, for Jules Wabbes' spouse took over and had some objects produced while keeping all intellectual property.

In 2013, Vincent and Caroline Colet — antiquarian, expert and editor of objects — together with the Wabbes family, and particularly with Marie Ferran-Wabbes, Jules Wabbes' daughter and art historian, decided to reinvigorate General Decoration with the ideals and spirit of its beginnings.

Timeless Heritage

Jules Wabbes remained inspired by its first vocation as an antiquarian in his classical approach to interior and architecture details. He was fascinated by designs that would resist through time. His creations are an expression of pure quality by a use, and a mix, of excellent materials. General Decoration today is committed to the same standard of excellence his founder expected. General Decoration produces his objects, genuine pieces of timeless design, that are meant to last and be passed from one generation to the next.