

# V e s s e l



**Backhaus & Brown and Egeværk**

## **Lykke**

Circa: 2019

2019

Denmark

Glass oak and silver

0 x 48 cm (0 x 18<sup>7</sup>/<sub>16</sub> inches)

Lykke from the Glasskibe Collection

(happiness) – a feeling of great joy and satisfaction. In old Norse, 'Lykke' carried a more neutral meaning; closer to 'fate' or 'event'. Old folksongs e.g. mention "the evil 'lykke'"; something you could be allotted instead of "the good 'lykke'" (Valravnen). In the Middle Ages, the course of a life was often seen as a wheel of fortune (a 'lykke'-hjul). Maybe the word 'lykke' was originally connected to the Danish verb 'lukke' (to close); referring to the way things turn out in the end?

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## **Literature:**

Unique

## **Artist description:**

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Art works from this collection have been sold to many private collectors but have also been purchased for the Vikingskipshuset, the Viking Ship Museum in Oslo and more recently, shown at the Danish

## Pavilion during the 2016 Olympics in Rio.

A unique collaboration in the truest sense, drawing on the skills of two crafts, based in two workshops and from two Nationalities, British and Danish.

### Backhaus & Brown

Nanna Backhaus Brown and Andrew Jason Brown have been creating their glass art works for the last 30 years. They have sold their pieces to individuals, companies, collectors and galleries throughout the world and have exhibited in Denmark and extensively throughout Europe as well as in the USA, Japan, China and Australia.

### Egeværk

Wood artists and cabinet makers Lasse Kristensen and Mette Bentzen specialise in creating unique hand-made furniture with a sculptural expression. They have exhibited throughout Europe.