

## **Jean Perzel**

Jean Perzel was born in Bruck, Bavaria in 1892. He began painting glass as a young child and at age 16 toured around Europe learning new techniques and methods. In 1923, after many years of working and studying, Jean Perzel settled in France and began to specialize in modern interior lighting designs. Perzel is credited with being the first to design exceptionally modern lighting pieces, as well as being one of the very first to focus on the options and possibilities of electricity as well as the various effects that could be achieved with different glass treatments. He is perhaps most well known for his strikingly simple designs that are based in science and logic, and that stand the test of time without appearing old or dated.

In 1933 Jean Perzel began tutoring his nephew, François Raidt, in the fine arts of optics and lighting and eventually handed over the business to him 1951.