

Sculpture Gold Medal

Edwin Grienuer AUT
*7 March 1893 †20 August 1964



Edwin GRIENAUER was born into a musical family in Vienna. He was an enthusiastic athlete and in his teens already dreaming of an Olympic gold medal in Rowing. He was an excellent rower and even competed as a master in the 1927 Austrian double sculls. He was best known for his sculpting of medallions although he also did numerous large sculptures, community constructions, crucifixes and statues of saints in churches in Vienna.

His dream of Olympic gold would one day be realized but not in rowing. He won his Gold Medal in the Olympic Art Competitions for medallions and badges at the games in Amsterdam in 1928 with works that dealt thematically with rowing. Later he was awarded an Olympic bronze medal for medallions and plaques at the games in London, 1948.

In 1935 he was made a Professor at the Academy of Fine Arts and thereafter continued to work in Vienna. He passed away while working in his studio in 1964. (WZ)



Four Medals for the
Art Competitions 1928
- First Prize



Rowing Medal - Third Prize at the
Art Competitions 1948