

## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

## "THE MUMMY"

This Ré is a fine art lithograph and was produced at S<sup>2</sup> Atelier, New York City, in 1997 under the auspices of the Ré Society, Ltd. It was inspired by a poster first created in 1932.

Pulled on Coventry paper, one color at a time from separate plates, this image has been sequentially numbered in pencil in the lower left border, by a curator at S<sup>2</sup> Editions.

The noted American chromist, David Copson, re-created the artist's image by hand-drawing directly onto specially prepared surfaces that were transferred onto lithographic plates, one plate for each color.

"The Mummy" was printed on an old Dufa II press under the supervision of the Atelier's Technical Director, Raymond Mazza. The size of the lithograph is 27" x 41", which is the same size as the vintage poster.

Great care was taken to precisely re-create the artist's original image. The chromist utilized as the model, original posters and other historical materials obtained through the Ré Society to insure that this Re-creation captures the feeling and style, as well as the color and size of the vintage work.

This Ré bears the trademarks of the Ré Society, plus the imprimatur emblem of the S<sup>2</sup> Atelier. The signature of the chromist is printed unobtrusively on this lithograph in order to distinguish the Ré from the original Golden Age poster.

This limited edition lithograph preserves a classic work of art from the Golden Age of Posters (1865-1939). It is a testament to the original artist's compelling vision and the painstaking artistry of David Copson and the contemporary artisans and chromists of  $S^2$  Editions.

In "The Mummy," Boris Karloff stalks out of his winding cloths after 3,700 years of restless sleep, and that is a hideous enough theme to freeze the most callous imagination. But the fable thereafter depends on mystic incantations, which are only words. It is comforting to know that Im-Ho-Tep can be stricken dead by murmuring: "Sehotpe-ib-re Mem-mosut Sit-sekhem," but it is too simple a way out. When Im-Ho-Tep says, "Ruh, gab dar el bint," it only means, Bring that girl back here."

Keep this Certificate with your lithograph for future reference and to document your Ré.