



FRÈRES ROCHAT  
CRÉATEURS D'ÉMOTIONS

The story goes that aristocratic families in Imperial China had a passion for singing bird automata to the point of sometimes making them sing just before the evening meal. There was a six-month wait before obtaining the precious treasure. The Sultan of Constantinople spent hours listening to them while his ministers did tapestries in the antechamber. Le Brassus company, Frères Rochat, which this year celebrated its jubilee of two centuries of history, has revived the tradition of singing birds, a field in which the Rochat brothers excelled in the 19th century. Emotions, poetry, music and technical progress are all on the agenda.

# THE RENAISSANCE OF ENCHANTING BIRDS



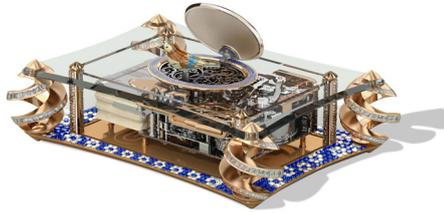
## From 1813 until nowadays: the saga of watchmaker aesthetes

These singing bird movements, remarkable for the refined work and the ingeniousness of the technique used, were born due to the creativity of the Rochat brothers in the 19th century, in the Vallée de Joux.

In 1813, the brothers, who made movements for Jaquet-Droz & Leschot, capitalised on their know-how and opened their shop in Geneva.

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## Unique, exclusive and rare



The story continues with the recreation of this little Masterpiece designed by our Master Watchmakers. Our Grand Complication movement with 20 complications is made of 1227 parts, 14 cams, a 12 semitone whistle, four different melodies, 74 rubies and a fusee-barrel with a micro-chain made up of 404 links. But emotion is never far from technical progress. Time appears to stand still when the bird delicately emerges from its nest, nods a greeting with its head before opening its mouth and starting to sing Mozart's 40th Symphony. Once the show is over, the bird disappears inside its beautiful case which closes behind it. Every detail show respect for tradition, including the body of the bird and its decoration made of gold and adorned with precious stones. The complexity of the movement is enhanced with

diamonds, rubies and emeralds. Frères Rochat offers its most demanding customers unique works of art, customised according to their wishes, built with precious metals, decorated with lavish ornamentation, with enamelling, hand engraving and precious stone-setting. Our two lines Intemporis and Babylone are developed to allow for the creation of unique pieces. We have thought up several

blueprints and designs which are entirely customisable, upon request, specifically the choice of the bird's melody, its colour, and jewel setting. The lid may be decorated with a hand-painted illustration or with grand-feu cloisonné enamelling. There are also two places where hand engraved personalised messages may be written.

Thanks to a 12-semitone whistle, our designers can reproduce a 20-second extract of your favourite song to be sung in perfect synchrony by our Singing Bird.

Either by miniature painting or by hand engraving, our Singing Bird is adorned in its finest attire to enchant its audience during his artistic performance. Our craftsmen are at your disposal to reproduce an original illustration and totally personalised lid decoration with grand-feu cloisonné

*«The creation of a Grand Complication “Singing Bird Movement” of such a sophistication has not been possible previously, as it was necessary to gather together individuals with multi-disciplinary skills, many of which had been lost over the last two centuries. Only the confidence, tenacity and determination of a small group of dedicated individuals enabled this project to be brought to fruition.»*

Stephane Velan, CEO & Founder

enamelling or hand painting. Our craftsmen engravers allow you to include a personal message on your automaton's case. This will leave an unchanging mark on the work of art made for you or for the person who is to receive it.

Our designers and setters have developed several settings; the stone's colours may be customised on request. We work to make your wishes come true.

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