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Arnold & Son pays tribute to the most prized bird of prey in an artful manner.

The Métiers d'Art HM Falcon Unique Piece from Arnold & Son will appeal to watch connoisseurs who appreciate the finest-quality watchmaking combined with beautiful arts and crafts. The hand-painted miniature depicts a Falcon proudly perched atop a rock against the clear sky. The subtle, soft colours set off to perfection by the shimmer of the dial in white mother-of-pearl. The exclusive nature of this wonderful reference is underscored by its limitation to just one piece.



HM Falcon | Unique Piece
Manufacture Arnold & Son A&S1001 calibre,
hand-wound, hand-painted miniature on
white mother-of-pearl dial,
18-karat rose gold case, diameter 40 mm
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Mankind's fascination and relationship with the falcon goes back several millennia. In ancient Egypt, the falcon was deified as Horus, the god of the sky and kingship. In other civilizations and cultures, the falcon symbolizes vision, agility and victory.

An art in itself, the earliest known practices of falconry date back to ancient Mesopotamia over four thousand years ago, and possibly Mongolia. It later spread to Europe, becoming a sport for nobility. Today, falconry is a tradition that is still upheld in various parts of the world, particularly the Arabian Peninsula.

The Métiers d'Art HM Falcon Unique Piece from Arnold & Son was created to celebrate this majestic bird of prey. Adorning the mother-of-pearl dial is a hand-painted miniature of a falcon. In this technique, the artist uses delicate nuances of colours and tones, using tiny brushstrokes and texturing gradually to build-up the entire image with an astonishing richness of details and depth. The art of painting miniatures by hand calls for infinite patience and consummate skill. As our Master Miniature Painter, Mr Andre Martinez explains: "The art of hand-painting miniatures takes many years of concentrated practice to perfect. This unique miniature painted dial technique shows how today A&S carefully preserve and cultivate the skilled creative craftsmanship that have been characteristic of the brand throughout its history." The sumptuousness of the falcon is a counterpoint to the simplicity of the white mother-of-pearl dial, which shimmers entrancingly with the play of light.



A&S1001

Manufacture Arnold & Son calibre, hand-wound,
diameter 30 mm, thickness 2.70 mm
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This unique piece boasts the ultra-thin A&S1001 manufacture movement with over 90 hours of power reserve; the movement is housed in an 18-karat rose gold case, with a brown alligator strap.

The Métiers d'Art HM Falcon is limited to just one example. If desired, the watch is available with a diamond-set bezel.



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Main technical characteristics:

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Calibre:	A&S1001
	Arnold & Son manufacture movement, hand-wound, 21 jewels, diameter 30 mm, thickness 2.70 mm, power reserve 90 h, double barrel, 21,600 vibrations/h
Functions:	Hours, minutes
Movement decoration:	Nickel-silver movement, rhodium treated with <i>Haute Horlogerie</i> finishing: hand-chamfered bridges with polished edges, fine circular graining and <i>Côtes de Genève rayonnantes</i> , blued screws with bevelled and mirror-polished heads
Dial:	Hand-painted miniature on white mother-of-pearl
Case:	18-karat rose gold, diameter 40 mm, available with or without diamond-set bezel, cambered sapphire with anti-reflective coating on both sides, see-through sapphire case back, water-resistant to 30 m
Strap:	Hand-stitched brown or black alligator leather
Limited edition:	Unique piece
Reference:	1LCAP.M09A.C110A/111A

Price: depending on the final version

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