# VANITAS 

USER INSTRUCTIONS


## $x x$ <br> L'EPEE <br> 1839

FIONA KRÜGER

## CONGRATULATIONS

You have just acquired an advanced timepiece from L'Epée 1839 and Fiona Krüger.

Vanitas was designed by Fiona Krüger and developed with passion and care by L'Epée 1839's master watchmakers in Delémont, Switzerland.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The movement should never be in contact with any liquids - even in vaporized form. If it occurs, the clock should be serviced immediately.

A simple contact on certain pieces can generate delays in timekeeping, which can only be solved by servicing.

Fingerprints will also damage the coating.

The black-painted case should never be in contact with any liquids or cleaning products. Do not rub anything against it.

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Dust and particles contained in a cloth could scratch parts. Do not use any kind of cleaning products to wipe the clock or the skull. It is recommended to keep the clock distant from any source of heat or vibrations. To preserve the longevity and functionality of Vanitas, do not permanently expose the clock to direct sunlight or in a humid or dusty place.

Our clocks are developed to ensure optimal accuracy and reliability. It is well accepted for a fine mechanical clock to have a few seconds' variation per day and our clocks are set so as not to delay. However if you should notice a bigger variation, please contact an authorized dealer who will advise you, or a L'Épée 1839 technical support center which will proceed with the necessary adjustment.

As for all Horological pieces of art, it is recommended to periodically service your clock. A mechanical masterpiece requires fine oils for the lubrication of the movement. These oils deteriorate over the years. We therefore advise having the movement serviced every 3 to 5 years. Be aware that the optimal period between servicing times can vary depending on the surrounding environmental conditions.

## WINDING THE MOVEMENT

To wind the movement of Vanitas, use the double-depth square key delivered with the clock. Be careful when placing the key to not touch the glass. Do not intend to wind the clock while the hands are right behind the winding hole.

The movement should be fully wound every 35 days. Be sure to wind up the spring completely. At the end of the winding procedure, you will feel the necessary force increase significantly; do not wind further as this is the sign that the movement is fully wound.

Please note that seeing the mouth closed does not necessarily signify that the clock has been fully wound. Please ensure that you feel the tension significantly increasing when winding up the piece.


## SETTING THE TIME

Using the key, turn clockwise in order to set the time. Be careful, setting the time in the wrong way could damage the mechanism and a service would be needed immediately.


## HOURS AND MINUTES DISPLAY

The hours and minutes are indicated by the two decorated black hands.

In this example it is 10 h 25 (twenty five past ten)


8h50 (Ten to nine) here :


## POWER RESERVE INDICATOR

YAWNING MOUTH
The mouth of Vanitas will open progressively as the power reserve empties.


Empty power reserve


IMPORTANT :

Vanitas is conceived to work optimally when hung on the wall.
If you need to lie it flat, be careful with the mouth (= power reserve indicator). It can move free, and the mechanism can unplug from the movement, which can result in a desynchronization in the power reserve display.

If this happens, you need to hang the clock back to the wall. Then, fully wind the movement in order to reposition everything together and resynchronize the mouth with the mechanical movement again. The process of resynchronization may take a full cycle of charge/discharge.

## PLACE VANITAS ON THE WALL

You will find on the back side of the clock 3 holes to hang Vanitas on your wall.

1. Precisely measure the positioning of the 3 holes according to the dimensions below (all dimensions are in mm ).
2. Use hanging implements which are appropriate for the holes on the back plate of the clock ( diameter of 6.5 mm and 10.5 mm ) and the surface on which your clock will be hung.
3. Hang Vanitas and secure to the wall.


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