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# Josephine Baker And LA Revue Negre: Paul Colin's Lithographs Of Le Tumulte Noir In Paris, 1927



## Synopsis

Josephine Baker, the Jazz Age, African-American performers in 1920s Paris--all are vividly captured in French artist Paul Colin's limited-edition portfolio of 45 lithographs titled "Le Tumulte noir". First published in 1927, Colin's work evokes in brilliant colors and energetic lines the uproar black Americans created in music and dance in Paris after the First World War. 61 illustrations, 46 in color.

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When graphic designer Paul Colin published a limited edition of lithographs he'd made of dancer Josephine Baker and her revue in Paris in 1927, the French fascination with American jazz musicians and dancers was at its peak--and the 500 hand-colored copies quickly sold out. The 45 lithographs collected under the title *Le Tumulte Noir* (the book's notes list uproar, frenzy, sensation, brouhaha, and craze among the possible translations for the word *tumulte*) include a dynamic sketch of Baker in her famous banana skirt, a chalklike drawing of a jazz band in full swing, a feather-bedecked woman dancing in the rain, an interracial flapper couple kicking up their heels, and other images that capture the *joie de vivre* of the era. Henry Louis Gates Jr. introduces this edition of the lithographs with an essay that reminds readers of the haven African Americans found in France at a time when overt racism and bigotry were rampant in the United States. He then maps the wild success the new musical form jazz, and its beloved interpreter Baker, achieved there. Colin's lithographs are faithfully reproduced in the same size and vertical orientation of the original

edition with just the three colors he employed, the original title page, and Baker's own handwritten forward to the work.

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