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Fine Regency Mahogany Centre Table, Possibly a Unique Commission Based on the Designs of George Smith.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1013303****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 74.5 cm (29.3")

Width = 130 cm (51.2")

Depth = 130 cm (51.2")

Description

A superb Late Regency Mahogany Centre Table c.1825, English or Possibly Scottish and Possibly a Unique Commission Based on the Designs of George Smith English / Scottish - Circa 1825 The top of finely chosen mahogany of excellent colour and figure employs a tilt top mechanism allowing the piece to be stored at the side of a room when not in use and the base of familiar tripartite form with very boldly carved winged paw feet of large scale. Aside from the use of timber of the highest quality, what makes this table so unusual is the style of the supporting mechanism for the table top. In addition to a boldly carved central column with acanthus leaf carving, the table also employs three scrolling supports, or flying buttresses to use the architectural terminology, a feature that is both practical in terms of increasing the load bearing capabilities of the table and supremely decorative. Tables of this precise form are not found in any of the familiar design books of the period but it is likely that the designer of our table took as their starting point George Smith's design for a breakfast or "dejeuner table" from his 1808 A Collection of Designs for Household Furniture (s...

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