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Antique Timuri Dining Sofreh,
Sangtschuli Sub-Tribe,
Borderlands of North-East
Persia / North West
Afghanistan.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1088202

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 145 cm (57.1")

Width = 43 cm (16.9")

Description

This rare and beautiful dining sofreh is unusual for its small, narrow size. They are more usually around 91cm wide, whereas this one is only 43cm, so my guess is that it was specially made for a young child - possibly for the son of the tribal chief? He too, was an important person within the tribe, being the successor to his father. Woven by a Timuri - Sangtschuli tribal weaver circa 1880-1900, the sofreh is in complete condition with the central part woven in soumak technique. The selvedges are strongly bound in goat-hair. Dining sofrehs were used in the tents to place food, bread and tea on while the nomads would sit around the sofreh cross-legged and eat. Sofrehs of this age and type now are rare and this is a very fine example of late 19th century work. These sofrehs look particularly good draped over a chest for maximum impact. Size: 1.45 x 0.43m (4' 9" x 1' 5").

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