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Rare & sophisticated 18th century Irish American black walnut tea table of superb patina with unusual inlaid bird design

Price

GBP 12,500

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Date of manufacture: 1750

Dimensions

Height = 73.5 cm (28.9")

Width = 84 cm (33.1")

Depth = 41.2 cm (16.2")

Description

A rare and sophisticated mid 18th century (circa 1750) Irish American black walnut tea table of superb original patina with unusual inlaid bird decoration. This table consists of a solid black walnut figured top of serpentine form to the front with shaped corners and cleats to either end. The top opens to reveal an unusual inlaid design of two birds, possibly quails, inlaid in walnut - this being a very unusual design, the table most probably a commission piece for an important family. This leads down to a concealed oak lined drawer within the frieze, this drawer having a shaped and carved apron of French influence, to each side of the drawer the corners are slightly chamfered with shaped side rails. The table is supported on four cabriole legs with C scroll decoration to the top of the legs leading down to claw and ball feet. This construction of the top is rare for a piece of this period and confirms the exceptional cabinet work of the maker as the cleated construction was designed to stop the top from casting or twisting. This table has various influences of cabinet work from Ireland, France and America and was possibly made by a 'Journeyman' who travelled through...

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