

SA1219492

Antique New Zealand Specimen Marquetry Table by Anton Seuffert

Price

GBP 4,500

| USD \$6,089 | EUR 5,265

Item Reference: SA1219492

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 73.9 cm (29.1")

Width = 59 cm (23.2")

Depth = 59 cm (23.2")

Description

A fine New Zealand specimen wood marquetry occasional card table by Anton Seuffert, raised on a tripod base. The circular top is decorated with finely executed inlaid geometric indigenous New Zealand specimen wood marquetry centred on a radiating multi-pointed starburst design. Carefully arranged contrasting native timbers create a layered symmetrical pattern, framed by concentric banding and a parquetry outer border. The tabletop dates to circa 1880, which can be identified from the label signed Anton Seuffert. Before 1869 the labels were signed Seufert with one "f", so we know it must be later than this. William Seuffert also began working to his highest level during his late teens into the late 1870s, and the business label changed in 1882 to Anton Seuffert and Sons, placing the likely date range for this tabletop between 1875 and 1882, thus circa 1880. The table retains the maker's printed label to the underside of the top, although the top corner of the label is covered by the join of the leg support. The label reads "By Appointment Cabinetmaker to the Duke of Edinburgh, Elliot Street Market Entrance, Auckland", together with the wording "Inlaid Work with New Zea..."

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