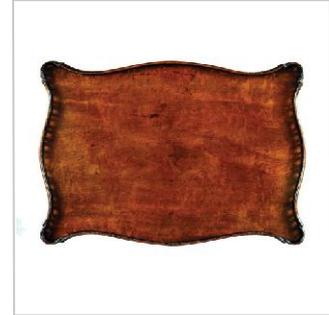


CHIPPENDALE PERIOD MAHOGANY SERPENTINE SILVER TABLE - REF 2095



A rare George III Chippendale period mahogany serpentine silver table. The table has a serpentine shape to all sides with a pierced laminated fretwork gallery, upstanding around the circumference, and enclosing a well figure mahogany top. The frieze with a flower and ribbon gadrooned lower edge and to each corner outset hips from where the table stands on cluster column, tapering legs with shaped over-sailing toes and terminating in leather wheeled castors. The legs are united by a reverse scrolled, moulded stretcher radiating in a cross pattern, with an elegant S-shaped scroll where the two parts of each stretcher section meet. The scrolls join centrally beneath the table and are surmounted by the original finial.

This rare piece exudes quality, it has retained excellent colour and patina throughout.

This table bears a very close resemblance to one illustrated as a "china table" in Thomas Chippendale's, The Gentleman and Cabinet Maker's Director. This type of table today is more commonly referred to as a silver table. Thomas Chippendale was born in 1718 in Otley, North Yorkshire. His family had long been involved in the wood working and timber trades and he was probably received a practical apprenticeship from his father. He may well have had further training with Richard Wood, the leading furniture maker in York, before moving to London. Chippendale probably worked as a journeyman cabinet maker and freelance designer before embarking on his great project, the publication of his lavish book The Gentleman and Cabinet Maker's Director. which was published in 1754 and illustrated with plates of 'Elegant and Useful Designs of Household Furniture in the Gothic, Chinese and Modern Taste'.

PRICE: £39,950

Provenance: Private collection USA.

Origin & Age: English, George III, circa 1760

Dimensions: 34½" wide, 24" deep, 28" high; 88cm wide, 61cm deep; 71cm high.

Restorations: Minor restorations, waxing. Castors, stretchers and finial apparently original.

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