

## GEORGE III MAHOGANY SERPENTINE CONCERTINA ACTION CARD TABLE - REF 2192



A superb George III Chippendale period mahogany serpentine, concertina action card table probably by Wright & Elwick of Wakefield, of fine colour and patina. The top with serpentine front and sides with a crisply beautifully carved flower and ribbon edge to both lower and upper leaves. The flame mahogany frieze with finely carved rope twist lower edge over flute moulded legs with flower carved ears and a shaped oversailing toe. The top opens to reveal a leather bound baize lined playing surface, the concertina action allowing both back legs to extend forming an off square table with a leg in each corner.

*When compared to the more usual "swing leg", the concertina action is a much more elegant and desirable way of supporting a card or tea table when open, as it forms a complete table with a leg in each corner. This table has superb constructional qualities, with tight crisp carving and the use of choice veneers throughout, this is truly a choice piece of period English furniture. The adaption of Chippendale patterns and the table's distinctive Chippendale style and crisp carving are characteristics associated with the work of Wright and Elwick, cabinet-makers from Wakefield, Yorkshire. Richard Wright and Edward Elwick whose partnership lasted from 1747 to 1771, both subscribed to the first edition of Chippendale's Director of 1754 and enjoyed patronage from a large number of stately homes in Yorkshire and throughout the rest of England.*

PRICE: £12,900

**Provenance:** The estate of Janice Newman Rosenthal, New York.

**Origin & Age:** English, George III, circa 1765

**Dimensions:** 36" wide, 29½" high, 17½" deep, 91cm wide, 75cm high, 44cm deep.

**Restorations:** Minor old restorations, waxing. The baize playing surface has been replaced.

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