

## GEORGE III BIRDS EYE MAPLE &amp; INLAID TEA TABLE - REF 2292



PRICE: £11,750

A superb George III birds eye maple and inlaid tea table, of fine original colour and patina. The demi-lune top veneered in segmented sections, with a trailing inlaid floral decoration, with an outer cross-banding in tulip wood, the veneers radiating to a central tulipwood ring. With the top open, the veneers are laid in the same pattern and with the same decoration forming a wonderful circular table surface when opened. The frieze again of birds eye maple veneer, with a satinwood band to the lower edge and strung with box. The four legs of tapering square section with an inlaid oval harewood patareae to the hip and trailing flowers down the leg with a collared ankle. A very rare, fabulous looking table which exudes quality throughout.

*Bird's eye is a type of figure that occurs within several kinds of wood, most notably in hard maple. It has a distinctive pattern that resembles tiny, swirling eyes disrupting the smooth lines of grain. It is somewhat reminiscent of a burr, but it is quite different: the small knots that make the burr are missing. A luxurious and expensive timber in the late 18th century and today.*

**Provenance:** Private collection London.

**Origin & Age:** English, George III, circa 1790

**Dimensions:** 40" wide, 20" deep, 29" high; 102cm wide, 51cm deep, 74cm high.

**Restorations:** Minor restorations, waxing.

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