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## GEORGE II CHIPPENDALE PERIOD CARVED MAHOGANY CHAIRBACK SETTEE - REF 2520



A fabulous George II early Chippendale period carved mahogany chair-back settee. The top rail scrolled, acanthus and rocaille carved and bordered by shell ears. Below two vase shaped splats pierced with interlaced lozenges and frets, with scrolled arm supports. The seat frame of quatrefoil form with geometric blind fretwork and silk covered drop in seat, supported by splayed rear legs and three square section front legs terminating in guttae feet. The legs joined by a blind fret detailed cross stretcher. Lovely carving and detailing throughout.

*The bold overall design of the offered lot is reminiscent of various Thomas Chippendale drawings which feature across all three editions of "The Gentleman and Cabinet-Maker's Director" (1753-62). As with much of Chippendale's output during this period, this settee represents a highly imaginative combination of the three most influential 'styles' then at the height of fashion in England; the 'French' or Rococo; the Chinese; and the 'Gothick'. The scroll, floral, shell and acanthus carved top rail, along with the sweeping scrolled arm supports, are all typical elements of the Rococo style founded in France. The pierced geometric splat and geometric blind fretwork are indicative of a 'Chinoiserie' influence while the blind quatrefoils to the legs, seat frame and stretchers are strong gothic features.*

**PRICE £22,900**

**Provenance:** Private collection UK.

**Origin & Age:** English, George II, circa 1755.

**Dimensions:** 44" wide, 28¾" high, 23" deep; 112cm wide, 73cm high, 58cm deep.

**Restorations:** Minor old restorations, waxing. The seat re-upholstered and newly covered in a red damask silk.

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