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WENDELL CASTLE

Caligari's Mistress's Desk and Chair

USA, 1990 | oak, mahogany, ebony and mahogany veneer, aniline-dyed and acrylic-painted gesso, leather
34½ h x 77 w x 36 d in (88 x 196 x 91 cm)

Chair measures: 30 h x 22 w x 23 d inches. Desk features five drawers. Signed and dated to desk base 'Wendell Castle 1990'. Signed to chair leg 'D. Sottile'. Incised signature to interior of drawer 'David B. Fowler'. Castle was assisted in the construction of this work by his studio director and trusted craftsman, Donald Sottile, as well as David B. Fowler.

Provenance: Peter Joseph Gallery, New York | Private Collection, Cincinnati

Exhibited: *A Kansas Contribution: An Exhibition Celebrating the Year of American Craft*, 25 July - 3 September, 1993, Johnson County Community College Gallery of Art, Overland Park, KS

Literature: *Wendell Castle: A Catalogue Raisonné 1958-2012*, Eerdmans, pg. 313 and 333, nos. IV.293 and IV.397

Estimate: \$50,000–70,000

Result: \$50,000

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