

MODERN DESIGN



Auction

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WHARTON ESHERICK

Untitled (Darling)

USA, 1940 | oak

11¾ h × 5½ w × 1¾ d in (30 × 14 × 4 cm)

The present work was likely made as a gift for Jasper Deeter, director of the Hedgerow Theater and close friend to Esherick. It is similar in form to the monumental deer sculptured entitled *Darling* that Esherick crafted and which remained in the woods on his studio property for about a decade.

Carved signature, date and inscription to front 'To JAP 1940' and to reverse 'WE'.

Provenance: Private Collection | Rago, *Modern*, 7 June 2015, Lot 1004 | Acquired from the previous by the present owner, Important East Coast Collection

Literature: *Wharton Esherick: The Journey of a Creative Mind*, Bascom, pg. 175 illustrates monumental version

Darling is held in the permanent collection of the [Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia](https://www.pamfa.org/).

Estimate: \$4,000–6,000

Result: \$8,820

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