

# MODERN DESIGN



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## GEORGE NAKASHIMA

### Special Trestle table from Folly Cottage

Nakashima Studio | USA, 1966 | American black walnut  
35¾ h × 78¾ w × 29¼ d in (91 × 200 × 74 cm)

Toby Royston (1913 - 2009) lived in Folly Cottage in Exton, PA. The cottage is a Frank Lloyd Wright-designed home built in the 1960s by Wright's protégé, John Howe, and Wright's son-in-law, William Wesley Peters, of Taliesin Associated Architects. It was ultimately dubbed "Folly" due to the length and unexpected expense of the project. Royston commissioned exceptional pieces of furniture from George Nakashima to decorate the home, many of which Rago sold in 2010.

Sold with a digital copy of the original order card.

**Provenance:** The Artist | Collection of Toby Royston, Exton, PA | Rago, *Modern*, 3 October 2010, Lot 708 | Important East Coast Collection

**Literature:** *George Nakashima Woodworkers*, studio catalog, pg. 4 *George Nakashima Woodworkers: Process Book*, Nakashima, ppg. 53, 81

**Estimate:** \$10,000–15,000

**Result:** \$16,380

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