

MODERN DESIGN



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WENDELL CASTLE

Desk Clock

USA, 1985 | fiddleback mahogany, curly maple, abalone, gold-plated brass, weight-driven clock movement
94 h x 64 w x 25 d in (239 x 163 x 63 cm)

Desk features eight drawers and a drop-front surface concealing eight additional drawers and divided storage. Carved signature and date near base of tower 'Wendell Castle 1985' and carved signature to interior of tower door 'Made by William J. Sloane'. This work is unique and is registered with the artist's studio as number 699.

Provenance: Peter Joseph, New York | Rago, *Modern*, 21-22 October 2006, Lot 270 | Important East Coast Collection

Exhibited: *Masterpieces of Time*, 24 December 1985 - 4 May 1986, Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC (traveling exhibition) | *Time and Defiance of Gravity: Recent Works by Wendell Castle*, 12 July - 21 September 1986, Memorial Art Gallery, University of Rochester (traveling exhibition) | *An Exhibition of Works by Albert Paley and Wendell Castle, Artists-in-Residence in the School of American Craftsmen*, 16 March - 5 April 1987, Bevier Gallery, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester | *Wharton to Wendell*, 6 October 2013 - September 2014, Modernism Museum Mount Dora, Mount Dora, FL

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Literature: *Wendell Castle: A Catalogue Raisonné 1958-2012*, Eerdmans, pg. 167, no. III.85 illustrates this example

Estimate: \$20,000–30,000

Result: \$22,680

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