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### WENDELL CASTLE

#### Lady's Writing Desk

USA, 1981 | curly English sycamore, purpleheart, ebony inlay, Baltic birch plywood, curly English sycamore veneer, plastic inlay

41 h x 41½ w x 22 d in (104 x 105 x 56 cm)

Desk features two drawers and a drop-down surface concealing six drawers and divided storage. Carved signature and date to underside 'Wendell Castle 1981'. This unique work is registered with the artist's studio as number 494.

**Provenance:** Collection of Peter T. Joseph and Wendy Evans Joseph, New York | Collection of Wendy Evans Joseph, New York

**Exhibited:** *Decorators Show House III*, 2-4 May 1981, Junior League of Rochester, Rochester, NY | *For Love and Money: Dealers Choose*, 14 September - 10 October 1981, Pratt Manhattan Center Gallery, New York (traveling exhibition) | *The Extraordinary Art of Wendell Castle*, 8 March - 20 April 1983, Alexander F. Milliken Gallery, New York | *Eight Realists*, 30 April - 1 June 1983, Alexander F. Milliken Gallery, New York | *Masterpieces of Time*, 12 September - 27 October 1985, Taft Museum of Art, Cincinnati | *Furniture by Wendell Castle*, 5 December 1989 - 4 February 1990, Detroit Institute of Arts (traveling retrospective exhibition)

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**Literature:** *Wendell Castle: A Catalogue Raisonné 1958-2012*, Eerdmans, pg. 201, no. III.247  
illustrates this example (see entry for extensive publication history)

**Estimate:** \$20,000–35,000

**Result:** \$20,320

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