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WENDELL CASTLE

Pair of Chairs

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

35 h x 21 w x 24 d in (89 x 53 x 61 cm)

This pair of chairs was made en suite with the *Lady's Writing Desk* also on offer in this auction.

Carved signature and date to underside of each example 'Wendell Castle 1981'. This unique pair 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

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(traveling retrospective exhibition)

Literature: *Wendell Castle: A Catalogue Raisonné 1958-2012*, Eerdmans, ppg. 180-181, no. III.153 illustrates these examples (see entry for extensive publication history)

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