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HARRY BERTOIA
teapot

USA, c. 1940 | silver, rosewood
6 h x 8 w x 4¼ d in (15 x 20 x 11 cm)

Created while Bertoia was an instructor at Cranbrook Academy, this early and important teapot represents a more adventurous departure from the art deco inspired metalwork usually seen from this period. The asymmetrically carved ebony elements relate to the sculptural designs that would appear in his jewelry and early sculptures. This work will be included in the forthcoming catalog raisonné.

Provenance: Collection of the artist Estate of Harry Bertoia Ihlendorf Collection

Estimate: \$10,000–15,000

Result: \$27,140

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