

MODERNIST 20TH CENTURY



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FINN JUHL Chieftain chair

Niels Vodder | Denmark, 1949/1961 | teak, leather
38 h x 34 w x 39 d in (97 x 86 x 99 cm)

Originally designed for the Cabinet Maker's Guild exhibition in 1949, the Chieftain is Finn Juhl's most distinctive chair design. The form is a culmination of years of designing by Juhl to create a chair composed of free elements, in contrast to the prevailing aesthetics of overstuffed furniture at the time. Rietveld and Breuer originally developed the concept of a free seat and backrest but the refined tastes and warmth of Juhl's Scandinavian sensibilities came to a completely original form in the Chieftain lounge chair. Niels Vodder Cabinetmakers created Juhl's early work in very limited numbers and fewer than eighty Chieftains were originally made. A fine example from the original owners who purchased the chair in Copenhagen in 1962. Signed with branded factory marks. Literature: Finn Juhl: Furniture, Architecture, Applied Art; Hiort, pg. 32

Provenance: Private collection, Idaho

Estimate: \$10,000–15,000

Result: \$15,340

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