

MODERN DESIGN



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FINN JUHL
Chieftain chair

Niels Vodder | Denmark, 1949 | rosewood, leather
37 h x 41 w x 36 d in (94 x 104 x 91 cm)

This model was named the "Chieftain" chair after King Frederik IX who sat in the display model at the 1949 Cabinetmaker's Guild in Copenhagen. The rosewood versions of the chair were produced in a limited series of seventy eight and commissioned for the Danish consulates. The exposed structure of the chair accentuates both the aesthetic and functional values of the construction. Tribal objects were the inspiration for the forms of the armrests, backrest, and seat. This relationship is apparent in the 1949 guild display the chair sits against a backdrop of anthropological images of weapons, pottery, and daily life. Branded mark to bottom. Literature: Finn Juhl: Furniture, Architecture, Applied Art, Hiort, pg. 40 illustrates an example in the display at the Cabinetmaker's guild exhibition of 1949, pg. 79 illustrates a model on display at the Nordenfjeldske Museum of Applied Art

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