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## MARCEL BREUER

desk chair from Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania

Hungary, 1938 | birch, birch plywood

33 h × 18¼ w × 19 d in (84 × 46 × 48 cm)

Shortly after Marcel Breuer moved to the United States in the fall of 1937, he was commissioned by Bryn Mawr College to design furnishings for the rooms of the new Rhoads Residence Hall. The college wanted modern pieces for the interior of the Gothic building and Breuer's designs for a desk, chair, bookshelves, dresser and mirror were chosen to outfit the rooms.

**Provenance:** Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania | Mode Moderne, Philadelphia | Collection of Mark McDonald

**Exhibited:** *Inside the Walls: Architects Design*, 18 January - 17 February 2018, Friedman Benda, New York

**Literature:** *Marcel Breuer: Furniture and Interiors*, Wilk, ppg. 148-151 discuss the commission, fig. 155 illustrates designs

**Estimate:** \$3,000–5,000

**Result:** \$5,938

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