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BLACK LACQUER SPLAYED FOOT SCHOLARS' TABLE

\$9,580

c. 1850 • Northern China, China • Northern Elmwood, Lacquer • Collection #BJD097

W: 92.25" D: 19.5" H: 34.0"

With deceptively simple design, this narrow table would have been favored by a Chinese scholar for its well-executed curves, gracefully arched like the sweep of a calligraphy brushstroke. Conforming to the minimal aesthetic of Ming-dynasty furniture, the 19th-century table breaks from strict linearity with legs that swell out from the apron, ending in delicate splayed feet. Constructed with traditional joinery techniques for a seamless appearance, the table was then painstakingly coated with layers of rich, black lacquer. Continued...



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Carefully selected as a source of creative inspiration, a scholar would have stood before this table to practice calligraphy and paint expressive landscapes. With clean lines and refined form, the narrow top perfectly accommodates an unrolled scroll.

