

# SIDE GALLERY

FRANCO ALBINI (1905-1977)



## Armchair model "Gala"

Manufactured by Vittorio Bonacina and Co  
Italy, 1951  
Rattan

## Measurements

86 cm x 102 cm x 100h cm.  
34 in x 40 in x 39,5h in.

## Literature

1950/1980 Repertorio, Gramigna,  
pg. 64 illustrates variation of this form  
Il Mobile Italiano Degli Anni '40 e '50,  
de Guttry and Maino, pg. 77 illustrates  
variation of this form.

## Edition

Private collection, Torino

## Biography

Franco Albini was an Italian NeoRationalist architect and designer, he obtained his degree in architecture at Politecnico di Milano University and began his professional career working for Gio Ponti. In 1930 he opened his own practice.

In his creations, he used raw, inexpensive materials. He exploited the very skilled Italian craftsmanship. This also meant an elegant design based on a minimalist aesthetic.

In 1950 he designed the famous "Margherita" and "Gala" chairs, made of woven cane. Also in 1952 he created the « Fiorenza », in 1955 the "Luisa" chair and in 1956 the "Rocking chaise" for Poggi. Franco Albini works for many companies like: Brionvega, Cassina, Arflex, Arteluce and Poggi.

As writer and editor, from 1945 to 1946 he worked for the Italian magazine Casabella.