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## **PAAVO TYNELL (1890-1973)**

Floor Lamp Manufactured by Taito Oy Finland, 1950's Aluminium, brass and rattan

Measurements 25,5 diameter x 150h cm height. 10 in diameter x 59 in height

## Literature

Finland House, sales catalogue, n.p; Tuula Poutasuo, Paavo Tynell jaTaito Oy, Helsinki, 2005 n.p.; Charlotte and Peter Fiell, eds, 1000 Lights, Vol. 1: 1879 to 1959, Cologne, 2005, p. 398 for a desk lamp example

## Biography

Paavo Tynell was a Finnish designer. He began his studies at the packing manufacturer G. W. Sohlberg to become a Tinsmith. He then continued to study at night at what was then known as the Taideteollisuuden keskuskoulu (free translation: Central school of Art industry). The school is now called Aalto University School of Arts, Design and Architecture. He was thought to be so talented that it didn't take long for him to become a teacher in his school instead of a student.

Tynell was also one of the founders (1918) of Oy Taito Ab. Taito was known for its famous designers that included names like Alvar Aalto and Kaj Franck. After 1953 Oy Taito Ab was sold to Idman. After this, Tynell designed lightings for the two American companies Litecraft ja Lightolier. In addition to his mass produced lighting designs, Tynell also designed unique lightings for many Public spaces. The list includes hotels such as Hotel Aulanko and Hotel Vaakuna, and others...

Tynell is most known for his design called Lumihiutale (Snow-flake also in the picture above) that was manufactured by Taito. His designs were often inspired by nature which can be seen in his many flower themed light fixtures.