

SIDE GALLERY

JOSE ZANINE DE CALDAS (1919-2001)



Tea Trolley

Manufactured by Mòveis Artísticos Z
Brazil, 1950
Marine plywood

Measurements

90 cm x 90 cm x 75h cm
35,43 in x 35,43 in x 29,52h in

Provenance

Private family, Curitiba

Biography

A selftaught artist, designer and architect, Jose Zanine Caldas (1918 – 2001) was born on the southern coast of Bahia. At age of 20, he started an architectural scale model workshop. In this context he met and worked with some of the architects responsible for bringing Modernism to Brazil such as Oscar Niemeyer and Lucio Costa and in the early 1940s, Zanine started the “Z Artistic Furniture” line (Moveis Artísticos Z). Zanine moved to Sao Paulo and expanded his resumé working as a scale modeler, furniture producer, landscape designer and modeling teacher at the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism of the University of Sao Paulo. In the 1950s Zanine traveled back to his hometown and became inspired by the local craftsmen who carved canoes and rowboats from felled trees. He began to experiment with this more elemental approach of chiseling furniture directly from the huge logs and honed his signature style as a designer with these organic, sculptural pieces, starting his Moveis Denuncia series.