

SIDE GALLERY

OSCAR NIEMEYER (1907-2012)



Chaise lounge model "Rio"

Manufactured by Tendo
Brasil/Japan, 1978
Lacquered wood, cane, leather fabric

Measurements

173 cm x 60 cm x 85h cm
68,1 in x 23,6 in x 33,5h in

Literature

Mark Emery, Furniture by Architects, New York, 1983,
p. 224
Pierre Kjellberg, Le Mobilier du XXe Siècle, Dictionnaire
desi Créateurs, Paris, 1994, p. 453
Furniture by Architects, Emery, pg. 224

Provenance

Private collection, Sao Paulo

Details

This chaise was designed in collaboration with Anna
Maria Niemeyer

Catalogue Essay

I have a vivid memory of meeting Niemeyer in his
studio overlooking the beach at Copacabana. Every
time one of us mentioned one of his buildings he
took out a thick black pencil, a sheet of kitchen
paper, and drew the cross section in one fluid line. I
had just been to see the Casa de Canoas. He drew it,
his assistant folded it up and handed it to me.

Fairs

Exhibited at Design Miami/Basel, Jun 11 2018 - Jun 18
2018

Exhibitions

Le Corbusier & Oscar Niemeyer, Side Gallery,
Barcelona, Sep 14 2018 - Jan 31 2019

Biography

Oscar Niemeyer was a Brazilian architect who is considered to be one of the key figures in the development of modern architecture. His exceptional architectural work has been unanimously hailed, and his influence on how the world looks like today has been reminded. In 1960's Oscar Niemeyer started developing furniture projects, in collaboration with his daughter Ana Maria. The first piece designed by the team was "the Alta easy chair" and its footrest, but the most famous piece designed by Oscar and Ana is the "Rio Chaise Longue" probably one of the most important design pieces of the 20th century. Developed in 1977.

Niemeyer passed away a week before his 105th birthday and Ana Maria dies in 2012, a few months before his father.