

SIDE GALLERY

AFRA (1937-2011) & TOBIA SCARPA (1935 -)



Sofa model "Soriana"

Manufactured by Cassina
Italy, 1969
Chrome Plating, Leather

Measurements

245 cm x 65 cm x 38h cm
96,4 in x 25,5 in x 14,9h in

Literature

Repertorio del Design Italiano 1950-2000 per
L'Arredamento Domestico, Gramigna, p. 318.
Made in Cassina, Bosoni, Giampiero. Milan: Skira,
2008. p. 200-201.

Biography

Afra and Tobia Scarpa graduated at the Istituto Universitario di Architettura in Venice and formed one of the most successful and known professional associations. Their works can be found in museums across the USA and Europe such as the MoMA and the Louvre. Their designs like the Soriana sofa exhibit a decidedly modernist aesthetic, prioritizing pared-back elegance and comfort. At the same time, the Scarpas are admired for the ease with which their designs complement both classical and cutting-edge interiors. The husband-and-wife duo's products played an important role in the history of Italian Design and are thriving in the Mid-Century market. The Soriana sofa is a collectors' piece and part of the history of Italian design destined to increase in value with the time. A piece of true Italian Modernism.

Concept

The Soriana was created for the Italian manufacturing company Cassina, which is often credited with introducing industrial design to Italy and has built an international reputation for collaborating with some of the world's most respected designers, including Afra and Tobia Scarpa.