

SIDE GALLERY

EERO SAARINEN (1910 - 1961)



Dinning Table model "Formal"

Manufactured by Forma Moveis for Knoll Inc.
Brazil, 1950s
Jacarandá Wood, Aluminium

Measurements

160 cm x 73 cm
62 in x 28,7 in

Biography

One of 20th century's most prolific architects, Eero Saarinen built some of the most iconic buildings of his time by age 50. Tragically he died two weeks after his 51st birthday shortly after being diagnosed with brain tumor. Born in Kirkkonummi, Finland on August 20, 1910, Eero Saarinen shared the same birthday as his father, famous Finnish architect Eliel Saarinen. Both his father and his mother, an accomplished sculptor and artist influenced and encouraged his artistic development. Eero started off his professional life from the United States by doing research about housing and city planning with the Flint Institute of Research and Planning in Michigan, in 1936. After working here for two years he joined his father's firm in 1938. The first international recognition for Eero came during his collaboration with his father. It started off with a chair design and later in time, this duo of father and son managed to win many other competitions for their innovative designs and projects. Furthermore, he went on with furniture design for quite a long period of time. After the death of his father in 1950, Saarinen founded his own firm 'Eero Saarinen & Associates' in Birmingham, worked there until the time of his death in 1961. During this time he dedicated a huge chunk of his time for furniture design and other home furnishing design ideas.