

SIDE GALLERY

TOBIA SCARPA (1935-)



Sofa

Manufactured by Cassina
Italy, 1975
Wood and leather

Measurements

286 cm x 52 cm x 76 h cm
112,59 in x 20,47 in x 29, 93 h in

Literature

G. Gramigna, Repertorio del design italiano
1950 - 2000, Torino 2011, p. 124

Biography

Italian designer Tobia Scarpa is the son of architect Carlo Scarpa. He has worked with his wife, Afra, on many designs for major international firms such as Flos, Cassina, Knoll and B&B Italia.

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.