

SIDE GALLERY

AFRA & TOBIA SCARPA



Large sofa of "Basilian I" series.

Manufactured by B&B Maxalto.

Italy, 1973

Stained bamboo structure,
velvet upholstery.

Measurements

175 x 75 x 75h cm
69 x 29,5 x 29,5h cm

Literature

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Biography

Afra (b.1937 Montebelluna, Italy - d. 2011) and **Tobia Scarpa** (b.1935 Venice, Italy) 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.