

# SIDE GALLERY

GINO SARFATTI



**Wall Lamps Model "228".**  
Manufactured by Arteluce.  
Italy, 1957  
Glass, Metal.

**Measurements**  
20 x 15 x 32h cm  
7,9 x 5,9 x 12,6h in

**Literature**  
M. Romanelli, S. Severi, *Gino Sarfatti opere scelte 1938; 1973*, p.447, Silvana Editore, 2012.

## Biography

**Gino Sarfatti** (b.1912, Venice, Italy – d.1985, Griante, Como, Italy) was an Italian who became known for his talent as a lighting designer. He was the founder of the light manufacturing company *Arteluce*. In 1935, the *League of Nations* placed a sea embargo on Italy as a reaction to Mussolini's government, and the Sarfatti family's economic situation worsened considerably. At 23, Gino Sarfatti left his studies and moved to Milan, where he founded the lighting company *Lumen* in 1936 in partnership with **Aldo Valcarenghi** and **Dino Mondolfi**. Three years later, Sarfatti decided to part ways with his partners and founded the light manufacturing company *Arteluce* in February 1939.

In 1954 and 1955, Sarfatti received numerous international awards, including two *Compasso d'Oro* awards for his lamp designs for models "559" and "1055". In 1958, he designed the renowned "Pendant lamp" for Arteluce. In 1962, Sarfatti decided to open a larger shop on *Via della Spiga* in Milan, but this time designed by **Vittorio Vigano**.

During the 1960s, Arteluce's business multiplied with its home lighting designs sold in Italy and internationally and with its custom Gino Sarfatti lighting designs for public buildings. As other important Italian designers, such as **Nino Zoncada**, **Gustavo Pulitzer-Finale**, **Paolo de Poli**, **Pietro Chiesa**, and **Gio Ponti**, during this time, **Gino Sarfatti**, through *Arteluce*, became involved in many interior and furniture design projects for the rapidly growing industry of Italian ocean liners.