

SIDE GALLERY

JORGE ZALSZUPIN



Sofa "Brasiliana"

Manufactured by L'atelier Mòveis
Brazil, 1960s
Jacaranda, Brass, Linen

Measurements

260 x 93,5 x 60h cm
102,4 x 36,8 x 23,6h in

Provenance

Private Collection, Sao Paulo

Literature

Jorge Zalszupin Modern Design in Brazil, Loschiavo
dos Santos, ppg. 38, 132-135.

Biography

Jorge Zalszupin (b. 1912, Warsaw, Poland - d. 2020, São Paulo, Brazil) studied architecture at *Bucharest's Ecole des Beaux Arts*. While working as an architect in Paris, he found inspiration in articles about Brazilians Oscar Niemeyer and Roberto Burle Marx and immigrated to Brazil in 1949. There, he founded *L'Atelier* in 1959, which would become one of the most important furniture companies in Brazil. Starting as a small workshop where Jorge had brought together a team of highly skilled craftsmen, *L'Atelier* soon turned into a power house, with 300 employees at the end of the 1960's, pioneering use of plywood and chromed metal became the signature of *L'Atelier* furniture and enabled him to create sensual and elegant pieces that stand as timeless signatures of the Brazilian modernist movement. The company also had an important role in the introduction on the Brazilian market of injection molded plastic objects.