

SIDE GALLERY

TAPIO WIRKKALA



Ceiling Lamp

Manufactured by Idman
Finland, 1959
Brass, Metal

Measurements

80 cm height
31,5 in height

Details

Manufacturer mark

Literature

Tuula Sakalari, Katri Lehtova, Werner Söderström,
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Provenance

Private collection, Helsinki

Biography

Tapio Wirkkala (1915-1985) was a Finnish designer and sculptor renowned for his contributions to the fields of industrial design, glassware, and sculpture. Born in Hanko, Finland, Wirkkala studied at the Helsinki Central School of Industrial Design and began his career as a graphic artist before transitioning to industrial design.

Wirkkala's work is characterized by a deep connection to nature and Finnish culture, often featuring organic forms and materials. He gained international recognition for his collaborations with various companies, including Iittala, where he created iconic glassware designs such as the Ultima Thule and Kantarelli series.

Throughout his career, Wirkkala received numerous awards for his designs, including three gold medals at the Milan Triennale and the Lunning Prize. His contributions to Finnish design and craftsmanship have left a lasting legacy, with many of his pieces considered timeless classics and showcased in museums worldwide.

Aside from industrial design, Wirkkala also explored sculpture, creating pieces that reflect his fascination with nature's shapes and textures. His sculptures often blur the line between functional design and art, showcasing his versatile creativity and mastery of various mediums.