

SIDE GALLERY

LUIS BARRAGÁN



Mirrored glass lamp

From Casa del Pedregal
Manufactured by Hugo X. Velázquez
México, 1952
Glass, gold sheet, parchment leather

Measurements

Total height 127 cm | 50 in
Vase height 54 cm | 21,3 in
Diameter 53 cm | 20,9 in

Provenance

César Cervantes, Mexico City, 2013
Acquired by SIDE GALLERY, 2018

Details

Part of a pair of lamps, one is still
in the dining room of the house

Certificate

Accompanied by a certificate of authenticity by César
Cervantes, current owner of the house

Literature

Barragán, Space and shadow, walls and colour, Danièle Oauly,
Birkhäuser, Berlin, 2002, page 169.

Luis Barragán Search and creativity, Louise Noelle, The University
of Texas, Austin, 2018, page 160, 161.

Luis Barragán, Naturalezas del límite, En su casa de Tacubaya, Toni
García + Yolanda Somoza editions, México, 2008, page 33.

Barragán Revisited, A second life for teh Pietro López House,
Barragán Foundation, Switzerland, 2012, page 122.

Exhibitions

Design Miami/Basel, Jun 10 2019 - Jun 16 2019

Biography

Luis Barragán (1902-1988) is now regarded as one of the most important architects of the 20th century. Famed for his mastery of space and light, he reinvented the International Style proposed by Le Corbusier and Charlotte Perriand as a colorful, sensuous genre of Mexican Modernism. The beauty and originality of Barragán's architecture made him a legend among his fellow architects, and they lobbied hard for his famous MOMA exhibition in 1976. A few years later, Luis Barragán was awarded the Pritzker Prize, architecture's equivalent to the Nobel Prize. Cited as an inspiration by a succession of other Pritzker winners - from Tadao Ando and Frank Gehry, to Rem Koolhaas - he is one of the handful of architects who succeeded in creating their own version of Modernism, by imbuing it with the warmth and vibrance of his native Mexico.

Thanks to the MoMA exhibition and the Pritzker Prize, Barragán enjoyed a few years of the admiration he deserved before his death in Mexico City in 1988. Yet for an architect of his talent, he left a relatively small body of work, which is now carefully protected and cared by either private owners and collections, foundations or museums (in the case of the furniture he designed and produced for some of his houses).