

SIDE GALLERY

JOSÉ ZANINE CALDAS



Side Table or Mesa Baixa

Manufactured by José Zanine Caldas
Brazil, 1979
Pequi wood

Measurements

78 x 10 x 45h cm
30,7 x 3,9 x 17,7h in

Provenance

Private collection, Brazil

Edition

Unique piece

Certificate

Accompanied by a certificate of authenticity by Zanine Caldas family as well as a certificate of provenance

About

This low table by José Zanine Caldas embodies the designer's deep connection to natural materials and vernacular traditions. Carved from a single block of solid wood, its curved arches and substantial mass highlight Caldas' mastery of volume and void. The rustic texture and organic silhouette reflect his signature sculptural sensibility and ecological ethos.

Created in the late 1970s in Nova Viçosa, Bahia, the piece forms part of a body of work that bridges artisanal technique and Brazilian modernist ideals. Caldas' use of reclaimed native woods and minimal intervention results in pieces that are as much objects of reverence as they are functional design.

Biography

José Zanine Caldas (1918–2001) was a self-taught Brazilian architect and designer known for his innovative use of native woods and his integration of craftsmanship and environmental values. Starting as a model maker in the 1940s, he collaborated with leading modernist architects and founded Móveis Artísticos Z to produce industrial furniture using plywood. Later, he embraced a more rustic and ecological approach, creating expressive wooden houses and furniture using reclaimed materials. His work bridges industrial design and vernacular tradition, leaving a legacy of sustainability and regional identity. In 1991, he was named an honorary architect by the Institute of Architects of Brazil.