JORDI VILANOVA I BOSCH



Pair of Chairs Model "Billar"
Produced by Jordi VIlanova i Bosch and the group La Cantonada
Spain, 1960s
Pine wood, natural rush

Measurements
44 × 42 × 110h cm (45 cm seat height)
17,3 × 16,5 × 43,3h in (17,7 in seat height)

Provenance
Private Collection, Spain

Literature
Río Sánchez, M. I. del. (2024). La obra de Jordi Vilanova como diseñador y empresario de la decoración: Estudio de su trayectoria y análisis de su producción 1939–1978 (pp. 284–287).

Details
Manufacturer's label

About
Designed in 1961, the Billar chair is one of Vilanova's most distinctive creations. Its defining feature is the extension of the rear legs into the backrest, creating an elongated silhouette inspired by billiard cues. This gesture gives the chair its name while transforming a familiar wooden chair into a striking exercise in linear composition. The natural pine frame and woven rush seat establish a balance between structural clarity and traditional craftsmanship. By combining the austerity of vernacular seating with the clean lines of modern design, Vilanova created a functional and visually distinctive piece that reflects the emergence of modern Catalan furniture during the early 1960s.

Biography
Jordi Vilanova i Bosch (1925–1998) was a Catalan cabinetmaker, furniture and interior designer known for combining Scandinavian modernism with Mediterranean craftsmanship. After training in Barcelona, he established his own practice in 1952, designing furniture, lighting and interiors for residential and public spaces. His work emphasized functional simplicity, natural materials and small-scale production, with a particular interest in children's furniture. In 1964, he received the Silver Delta Award from ADI-FAD for his Delta children's stool. He also founded the multidisciplinary group La Cantonada in 1960, bringing together artists, designers and craftspeople to explore the relationship between art, craftsmanship and everyday life. His work helped shape the development of modern Catalan design.

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