

Studio Furniture:

High Art For the Home



“Lolita Chair” by Amel Chamandy™

The likes of 20th century great modernists such as Frank Lloyd Wright, Charles and Ray Eames, Isamu Noguchi, and Frank Gehry shook the boundaries between design and art. Such modernists transformed practical and often mundane household elements into sought-after creative pieces with their flair for outline and accent. Studio furniture is the term that envelops the “living space work” by artists whose creations are one-of-a-kind and offered in limited editions. The rules of studio furniture largely mirror those of fine art. Modernist furniture has become the new collectible in the art world, making contemporary furniture by the likes of Le Corbusier, Oscar Niemeyer, Ron Arad and Marc Newson prized possessions.

The strongest evidence of this mounting popularity is seen in the auction houses. So far this year Christie’s has brought in somewhere in the area of \$116 million in sales of 20th century decorative arts, with Sotheby’s following at a close second. Collectors and investors of high art are gravitating to the profit potential of studio

furniture, which offers “lived in” dividend along with financial appreciation. Such collectables regularly command up to four times the original investment as they match pace with the rest of the high end art world. Many bullish gallerists are predicting plenty of headroom for the price point to rise and that the whole phenomenon has a strong future.

My latest result in the aesthetics of rhythmic and dynamic design is the release of the Lolita Chair. It is the first in my line of studio furniture work. This piece embodies the strength and line of the female form when seated, and is both an investment piece and decorative accent. My intent is to capture elements of the living spirit with all of its gloss so that it may illuminate its surroundings. Lolita is an acknowledgement of the connection and appreciation we have for the body and how it fits into our sense of space. This first series of furniture/sculpture in metallic gloss is inspired by the theme of gymnasts and acrobat dancers. Produced in a limited edition of seven pieces, Lolita embodies the essence of exclusive contemporary beauty. Be seated, and be bound by Lolita!

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