# 27 Rue de Grenelle

César

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# **ABOUT THE EXHIBITION**

## 27 Rue de Grenelle

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From November 12 -16, 2015, *27 Rue de Grenelle* will fill the gallery's stand (A11) at The Salon Art + Design at the Park Avenue Armory, New York. Curated by Stephane Danant, the exhibition brings together exceptional furniture and lighting by **Francois Arnal, Michel Boyer, Jean Dives, Jacques Grange, Pierre Paulin, and Maria Pergay**, with drawings and wall sculptures by **César**, the internationally celebrated French artist and founding member of the Nouveaux Réalistes. The show takes its title from the quintessential Left Bank street that is the address of some of the most discretely luxurious residences in Europe, homes where design and art mingle in a uniquely French approach to interiors. Rue de Grenelle was also once home to César, whose rise to fame paralleled the emergence of American Pop Art.

Styled as a Parisian apartment, *27 Rue de Grenelle* suggests the atmosphere of eclectic sophistication that would have enveloped visitors to the domain of a discerning Paris collector of the 1970s. Here one finds Jean Dives' elegantly spartan *Desk* (1971) and René Jean Caillette's rare leather and molded plywood *Sofa* settee (1966) accompanied by an array of Pierre Paulin's various upholstered *Pacha* chairs (1975), Michel Boyer's sensual curving glass and bronze *Screen Lamp* (1975), and the suggestively tangled metal skeins of César's 1970 *Untitled* compression sculpture. Such distinctive juxtapositions of relaxed sensuality and high refinement are definitive elements of French style that intensified in the 1970s, when designers and artists experimented avidly with such new materials as Plexiglas, industrial plastics, and other unexpected mediums. Similarly, bold pairings of art and design – the beguiling visual puns that reverberate between such objects as artist Philippe Hiquily's 1966 glass and steel *Table* and the legs of the centaurs in César's charcoals – have always characterized the defining French appreciation for the applied arts as the true peer of fine art.

Among other highlights of *27 Rue de Grenelle* are Pierre Paulin's *Élysee Bookcase* (1971); Francois Arnal's Plexiglas *Elice Console* (1968), commissioned by legendary decorator and international tastemaker Henri Samuel for his own apartment; and Maria Pergay's *Pair of Lounge Chairs* (1970), in which broad ribbons of steel become meditations on the unlikely allure and domestic potentials of a material previously associated with machinery. In these and other works, *27 Rue de Grenelle* celebrates the mélanges of design and art, concerted innovation and respect for classic geometries that are defining elements of postwar French style.



**Jean Dives.** *Desk*, c. 1971 Stainless steel, wood, chromed metal base 33.86 H x 62.99 x 41.73 inches 86 H x 160 x 106 cm For Maison et Jardin







**Maria Pergay.** Fossil Lamp with shade, 1975 Gilt and patinated bronze ammonites, steel shade 21.75 H x 13.5 x 6.63 inches 55.2 H x 34.3 x 16.8 cm Stamped Maria Pergay pour Claude de Muzac and numbered

Maria Pergay. Lampe Dragon, 1974 Bronze and stainless steel 31.5 H inches 80 H cm



**René Jean Caillette.** *Pair of Capitonnées Chairs*, 1960 Foam, vinyl upholstery, chrome frame 31 H x 21 x 17.5 inches 78.7 H x 53.3 x 44.5 cm Edition Charron





**César.** *Julius César*, 1972 Print with color pencil on paper 7.87 H x 4.92 inches 20 H x 12.5 cm Signed, dated and titled upper right: "Julius César, 1972"; signed and dated on the reverse: "César, 1972"



**César.** *Combustion D'Allumettes*, c. 1970s Matchbox, burnt matches and soot on cardboard 21.65 H x 15.35 inches 55 H x 39 cm Signed twice, lower right: "César, nice"





**César.** *Centaure*, 1991 Ballpoint pen on paper 25.98 H x 21.65 inches 66 H x 55 cm Signed and the artist's thumbprint, lower right: "César"; dated on the back: "nice, 1991"

#### **César.** *Centaure*, 1992 Oil and oilstick on cardboard 15.75 H x 12.2 inches 40 H x 31cm Signed twice, lower right: "César"; dated on the back: "21 mars 92"







**César.** *Untitled*, 1989 Ballpoint pen, gold felt-tip pen and oil on cardboard 12.99 H x 16.14 inches 33 H x 41 cm Signed and the artist's thumbprint, lower right: "César" **César.** *Untitled*, 1970 Compressed metal 24 H x 15 x 9 inches 61 H x 38.1 x 22.9 cm Signed and dated **César.** *Untitled*, n.d. Ballpoint pen, oil, paper and wood on cardboard 12.8 H x 10.63 inches 32.5 H x 27 cm Signed, lower right: "César, nice"







### **René Jean Caillette.** *Sofa*, 1966 Lacquered molded plywood, leather cushions 35.63 H x 53.15 x 35.43 inches 90.5 H x 135 x 90 cm Unique work



**César.** *Petite plaque No. 1*, 1989 Resin on panel 26.57 H x 18.9 x 2.56 inches 67.5 H x 48 x 6.5 cm Signed and dated, lower right: "César, 89"; numbered, lower left: "E.A.



**César.** *Compression*, 1975 Plexiglas box and burlap 56.5 H x 48.43 x 8.27 inches 143.5 H x 123 x 21 cm Signed, and dated '75, lower right





**César.** *Tour Eiffel*, 1976 Metal Eiffel Tower in laminated guaze painted on panel 5.91 H x 4.33 inches 15 H x 11 cm Signed and dated

**César.** *Compression murale*, c. 1975 Tow on panel in Plexiglas box 33.5 H x 26 x 6 inches 122 H x 99.5 x 20 cm Signed and dedicated, on the back: "César, Mr. Ferreo, mai"





**Maria Pergay.** *Pair of Lounge Chairs*, 1970 Stainless steel with foam and leather cushions 23.75 H x 26 x 31.5 inches 60.35 H x 66.04 x 80.01 cm



**Michel Boyer.** *Screen Lamp*, 1975 Gilded brass, opaline glass 24.02 H x 15.75 x 11.77 inches 61 H x 40 x 29.9 cm Edition Verre Lumière





**Philippe Hiquily.** *Table*, 1966 Steel base with glass top Base: 27.56 H x 47.24 x 47.24 inches 70 H x 120 x 120 cmTop: 52 x 40 inches 132 x 102 cmEdition Galerie Lacloche





**Claude Lalanne.** *Grains de Café Chair*, 1965 Steel, brass, leather 32.28 H x 15.35 x 15.35 inches 82 H x 39 x 39 cm Marked CL 84





# Francois Arnal - Atelier A

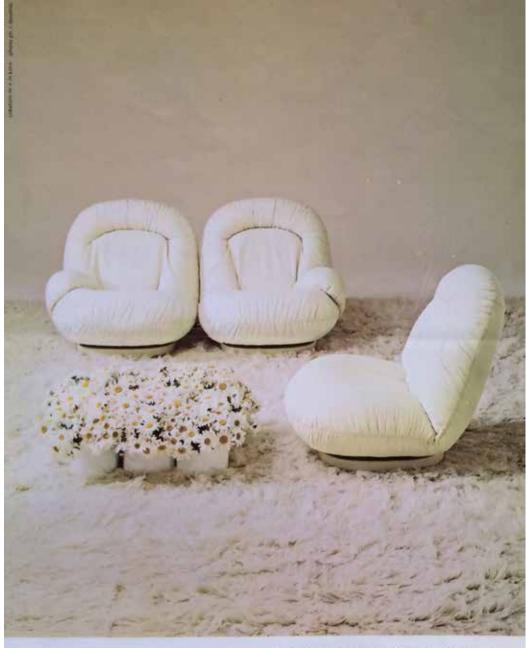
*Lamp*, c. 1970 3 opaline glass bowls, pine 5.75 H x 15.75 x 15.75 inches 40 H x 40 x 40cm Signed "Arnal"

#### Francois Arnal - Atelier A Ghost Lamp, 1970 Fiber, resin 11.8 H x 11.8 x 11.8 inches 30 H x 30 x 30 cm





**Francois Arnal - Atelier A** *Elice Console*, 1968 Smoked Plexiglas 27.17 H x 48.43 x 23.62 inches 69 H x 123 x 60 cm



MOBILIER INTERNATIONAL

**Pierre Paulin.** *Pacha High Back Chair*, 1975 Structure in molded plywood with foam stuffing, fabric 32.28 H x 31.5 x 36.61inches 82 H x 80 x 93cm Edition Mobilier International

> **Pierre Paulin.** *Pacha High Back Armchair*, 1975 Structure in molded plywood with foam stuffing, fabric 32.28 H x 37.01 x 36.61 inches 82 H x 94 x 93 cm Edition Mobilier International







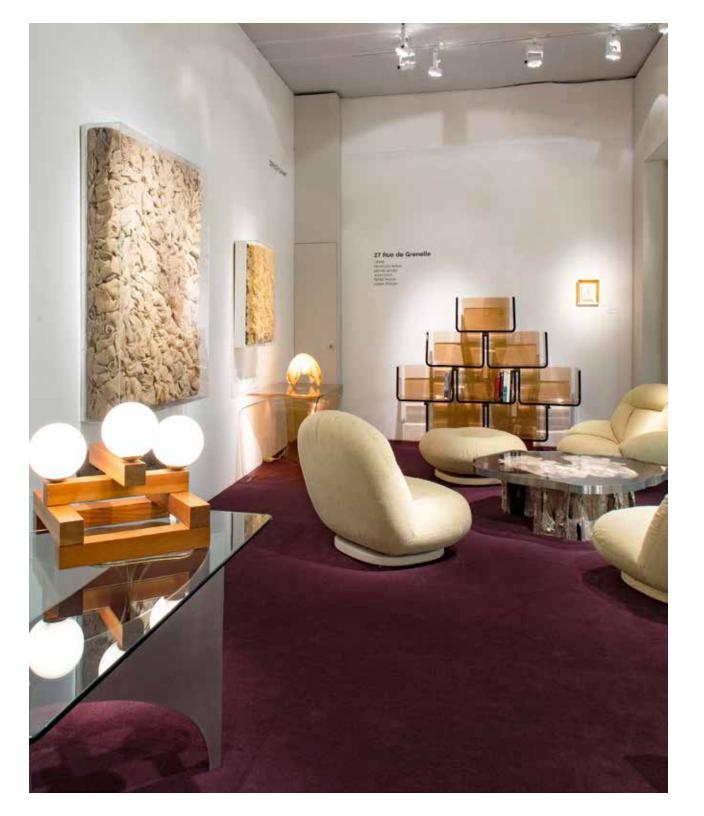


**Pierre Paulin***Élysée Bookcase*, 1971 Smoked Altuglas, steel, wengé base 60.24 H x 68.5 x 14.57 inches 153 H x 174 x 37 cm Signed "Paul"



**Maria Pergay.** *Table Marronnier*, 2015 Stainless steel with inlaid tree slice, hand sculpted bronze 13.78 H x 43.31 inches 35 H x 110 cm Edition 1 of 8, with 4 APs





## **ABOUT DEMISCH DANANT**

Demisch Danant was founded in 2005 by Suzanne Demisch and Stephane Danant. The gallery specializes in twentieth century French design with an emphasis on the late 1950s through the 1970s and represents the work of Maria Pergay, Pierre Paulin, Joseph André Motte, Pierre Guariche, Michel Boyer, Philippon & Lecoq, and René Jean Caillette. Curated exhibitions on historical work are presented within environments that reference architecture and interiors of the era.

The gallery also features exhibitions concerning the intersection of architecture, design and art, including the work of Sheila Hicks, Felice Varini, Krijn de Koning.

Demisch Danant is dedicated to research and scholarship on French design and has authored and published monographs including, *Antoine Philippon and Jacqueline Lecoq* and *Maria Pergay: Complete Works 1957-2010*. Current projects include a comprehensive monograph on seminal designer Joseph André Motte.

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