



Mattia Bonetti / Classical Whimsy

Opening reception: Saturday, June 25, 4 – 7:30PM
Exhibition dates: June 25 – August 14

James Barron Art is pleased to present a selection of sculptural furniture by Mattia Bonetti. For decades, Bonetti has been designing an extraordinary and eclectic series of furniture that relies on his free-spirited imagination, wit, and visual intelligence. Bonetti's designs are constantly evolving, resisting conventional style and trend. His whimsical designs draw from a wide range of inspiration: from neo-Baroque to Pop. Bonetti uses an array of materials in startling and novel ways. All of his designs share his quirky language of modern couture, functionality and humor. No matter how technological the design, Bonetti's work is an ode to nature, which remains his greatest resource.

“Since his very earliest works,” says James Barron, “Bonetti has demonstrated a remarkable ability to break down the barrier between art and design. His creativity is boundless, which is why his work is collected by some of the great tastemakers of our time. His eye is impeccable and we are delighted to present his work in Connecticut for the first time.”

Mattia Bonetti's work is collected by private collectors and museums and has been shown at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, the Cooper-Hewitt, New York, and the Musée des Arts Decoratifs in Paris, among others. Bonetti has had solo exhibitions at Duke & Duke, Los Angeles, Cardi Black Box Gallery, Milan, Galerie Italienne in Paris, Galerie Cat Berro, Paris, Xavier Hufkens Gallery, Brussels, David Gill Gallery, London, Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, and Luhring Augustine Gallery, New York. Bonetti has another upcoming solo exhibition at Musée des Beaux-Arts de Carcassone, France.

Image: Mattia Bonetti, *Meander Coffee Table*, 2009, patinated bronze and clear acrylic top, 23 x 57 x 57 inches / 58.4 x 144.8 x 144.8 cm., Edition of 20. Artwork © Mattia Bonetti, courtesy the artist and Paul Kasmin Gallery.

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