



CARLO MOLLINO (1905 – 1973)

- 1905 Carlo Mollino is born on 6 May 1905, the son of engineer Eugenio Mollino and his wife Jolanda Testa Mollino. Even at primary school, he loves drawing. One of his first teachers writes in his schoolbook, alongside a pastel landscape sketch: “Carlo did this drawing all by himself. He has an excellent sense of perspective.”
- 1931 Graduates as an architect. He chose architecture having already studied engineering for several semesters.
- 1933 Mollino’s first photographic portraits of women. The photos are taken in Mollino’s apartment, Casa Miller. In the same year, his first architectural design is built: the headquarters of the farmer’s association of Cuneo. Mollino’s first novel *The Life of Oberon* is printed in serial form in the magazine *Casabella*.
- 1936 A series of extraordinary photographs is taken, including the now famous “fairytale for adults.”
- 1937 His architectural masterpiece is built (now destroyed): the building of the Turin equestrian association.
- 1939 He takes a series of photos to illustrate technical innovations in downhill skiing, developed by his friend Leo Gasperl.
- 1940 Designs furniture for Gio Ponti’s daughter Lisa.
- 1943 A photo of the bedroom for a “peasant house in a rice field” is published in the magazine *Domus*.
- 1946 The house ‘M3’ is built. Workroom – bachelor apartment. Lift station at Lago Nero is built.
- 1947 “Casa del Sole” in Cervinia is built.
- 1948 The Chinatore publishing house in Turin publishes his book *Architecture, Art and Technology*.
- 1949 Mollino becomes Professor of Decorative Arts in the faculty of architecture at the Turin Polytechnic. *The Message from the Darkroom* is published by Chiantore, Turin, containing 16 of Mollino’s photographs.
- 1950 Designs molded plywood furniture for a touring exhibition in the USA. Some of these items are now in the collection of the Brooklyn Museum, New York. Mollino’s *Introduction to Downhill Skiing* is published by Mediterranea in Rome. He designs the auditorium for the Italian Broadcasting Station RAI in Turin.

- 1952 The "House on Tiptoes" on the plateau at Agra is built.
- 1954 Becomes Professor of Architectural Design in the faculty of architecture at the Turin Polytechnic. He designs the OSCA 1100 car.
- 1955 Designs the "Bisiluro Damolnar" (or "Nardi") car.
- 1959 Designs the interior of the Lutrario nightclub.
- 1964 Wins the competition for the Turin Chamber of Commerce.
- 1965 Wins the competition for the Royal Theatre in Turin.
- 1973 Takes part in the competition for the FIAT administrative center in Candilo near Turin.
Dies on 27 August 1973.