



Ceiling lamp designed by Paavo Tynell  
Finland, 1940s

Brass with slatted wood shades.

From a private Finnish collection.

Paavo Tynell (1890 - 1973) is one of the most important 20th-century lighting designers. He was a trained sheet metal worker - a unique background that influenced his recognisable aesthetic. The company Taito Oy was founded by Tynell himself because other manufacturers considered his creations too complex for production.

The stylised, star-shaped brass wire element on the stem

of this very rare ceiling lamp from the 1940s is typical for Paavo Tynell. It offers a decorative contrast to the cylindrical, slatted wood shades, which are equally distinctive. For these, he used traditional window blinds that protect the eye from the eight light sources. When the lamp is lit, they achieve a decorative shadow effect on the surrounding walls. Combining different materials, such as natural wood and elegant brass, was typical for Finnish design at the time.

H: 133 cm / 4' 4 1/4"  
Diameter: 70 cm / 2' 3 1/2"  
Shade height: 33 cm / 13"  
Shade Diameter: 16 cm