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HANDS-ON DISPLAY COMPLEMENTS MARIO BELLINI EXHIBITION

In conjunction with the exhibition MARIO BELLINI: DESIGNER, a special educational display is on view in The Museum of Modern Art's Edward John Noble Education Center. Consisting of study models and a slide show, the presentation demonstrates the creative process behind Bellini's influential furniture and industrial designs. In addition, the overstuffed "Bambole" and "Tentazioni" sofas and the "CAB," "Persona" and "Break" chairs—also on view in the exhibition—are available here for visitors to touch and examine.

Study models for two influential office machines—the Logos 50/60 Electronic Printing Calculator and the Divisumma 18 Electronic Printing Calculator—demonstrate Bellini's tactile and intuitive approach to design. Examples of stripped down chairs reveal the underlying structure of his upholstered furniture.

A slide presentation depicts Bellini's designs along with the natural forms and historical references that inspired them. The slide presentation will be shown continually in the Education Center's amphitheater throughout the exhibition.

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