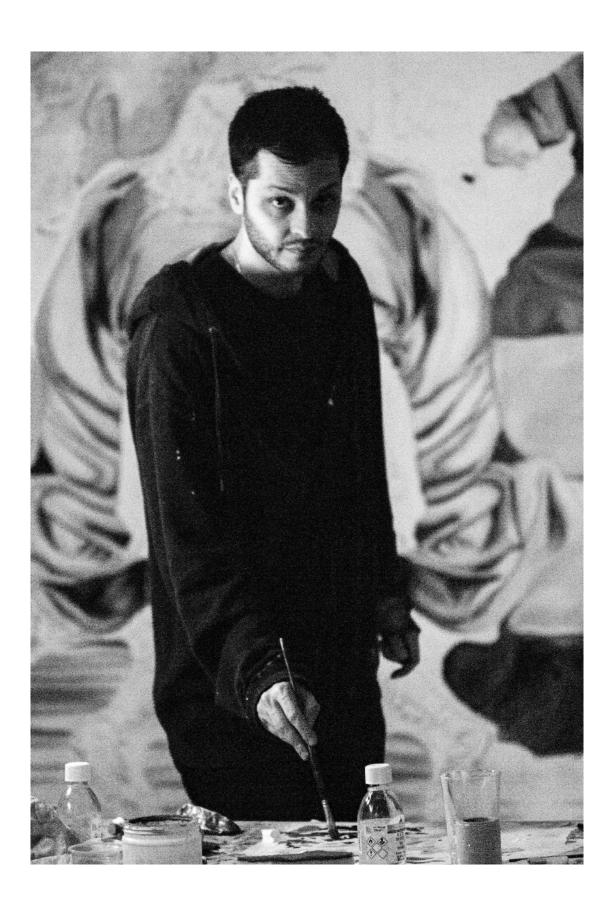
## ALESSANDRO GIANNÌ

Born in Rome in 1989, lives and works in Rome. In his work he collects aesthetic fragments from the web with the intention of giving them a new existence. In his artworks the analogical practice of painting merges with the use of new media, with the Internet and digital culture, investigating the connections between the digital universe, parallel universes, and the dreamlike and introspective world of human beings. In his research there are different types of works, both of a traditional nature (painting, drawing and sculpture), and of a technological nature (artificial intelligence, VR, video, animation, 3D printing). In 2019 He has created an artificial intelligence called "VA-SARI", which is able to emulate his creative and conceptual process and can assist him in composing sketches.



Click to see VASARI video presentation

Giannì exhibited in several national and international institutions, amongst which Corcoran Gallery of Art (Washington DC, USA); American University Katzen Arts Center (Washington DC, USA); the residence of the Italian ambassador to the USA "Villa Firenze" (Washington DC, USA); La Galleria d'Arte Moderna di Roma (Italy); the Swiss Institute of Rome (Italy); the Swiss Institute of Milan (Italy); MAXXI museum (Italy). his work belongs to museum collections, including He Art Museum, designed by architect Tadao Andō, in Shunde District, Foshan, China. In 2020 he is one of the founders of Spaziomensa, an artist-run space created to enhance the Roman artistic ferment.





## Psychomachia- Solo Show

National Archaeological Museum of Palestrina, Roma, 2024

« Between order and chaos, representation and pure matter, glazed ceramic photographs this moment, freezing the constant struggle that takes place in artistic creation at a specific moment, full of power and meaning. Giannì does not start from an image, he does not have an idea beforehand. The form emerges through work, so much so that the artist continues to decipher them once completed. The artist allows himself to be acted upon by the material even in dialogue with the unconscious, which can only occur through the movement of hands and actions. »

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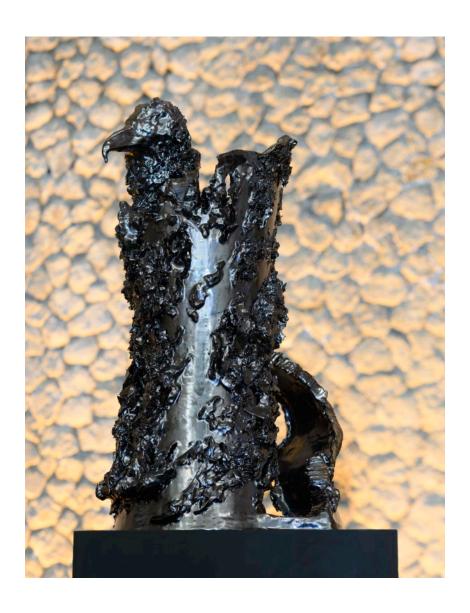


Psychomachia Exhibition view, National Archaeological Museum of Palestrina, Rome, 2024



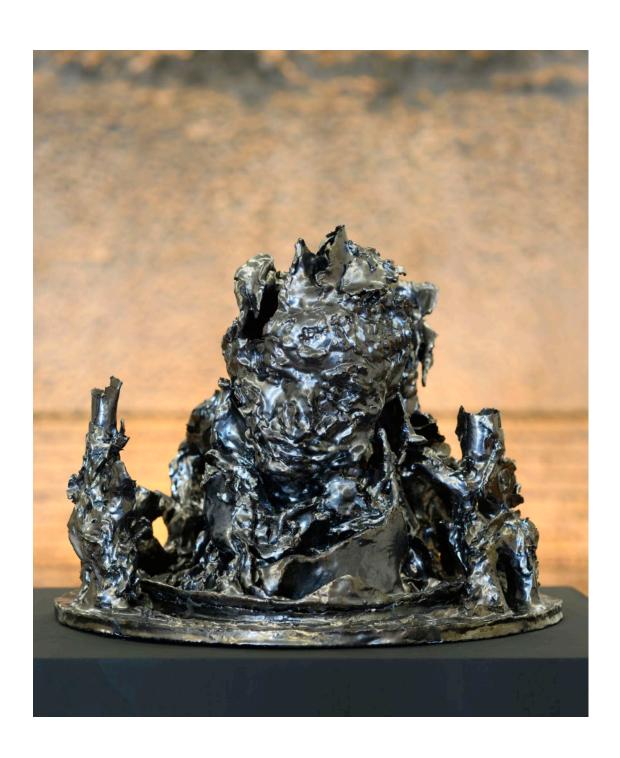


Psychomachia Exhibition view, National Archaeological Museum of Palestrina, Rome, 2024











Finzioni 2024 ceramic, 70 x 25 x 25 cm







## Breaking Darkness - Solo Show

Tang Contemporary Art, Bangkok, Thailand, 2023

« Will the image survive the future? Walking through Alessandro Giannì's works conceived for his solo exhibition at Tang Gallery in Bangkok, this question can arise like a distant echo, a faint voice that resurfaces as if fixed in time, as if asked by a past that is still alive. Of this still-living past, the first to give trace of it are the subjects Giannì portrays: excerpts of subjects from Renaissance paintings live on and merge into utterly new forms and vivid, current colors. They are recognizable and at the same time unr cognizable, familiar and at the same time undefinable subjects. They stand out among vivid red backgrounds or seem to merge into multicolored cascades. They are parts of past works that in Giannì canvases have lost their author, albeit endlessly quoting him. »

Curated by Giuliana Benassi and Michela Sena

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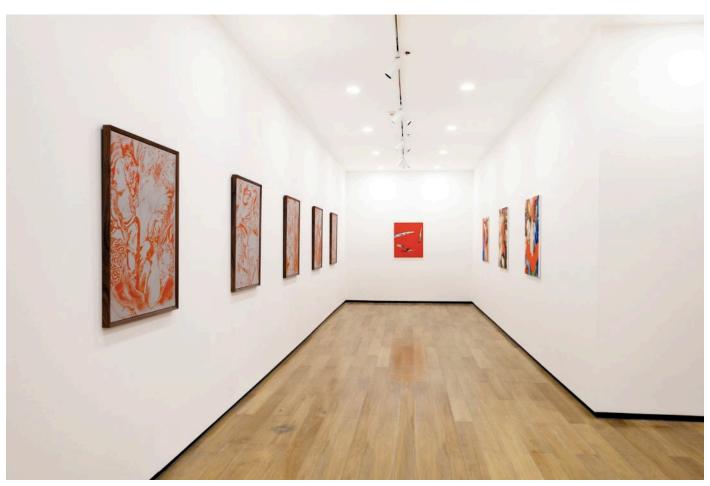
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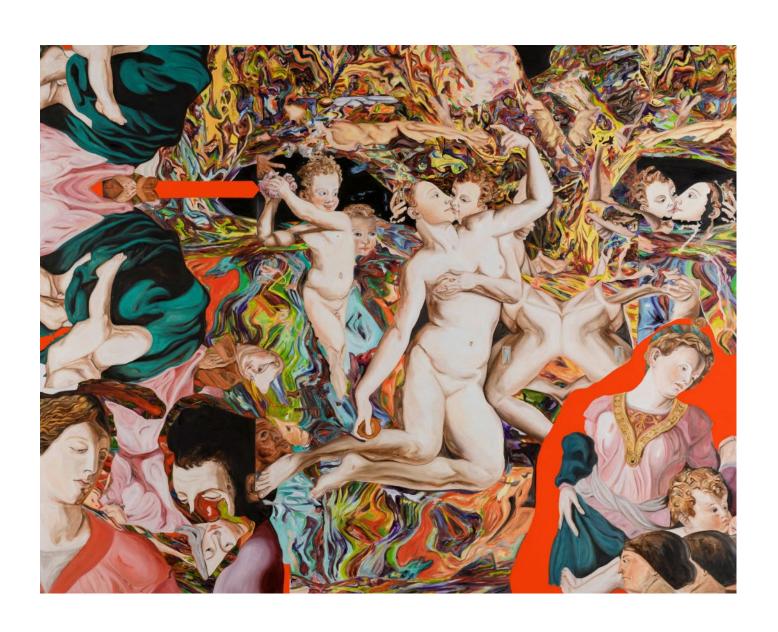


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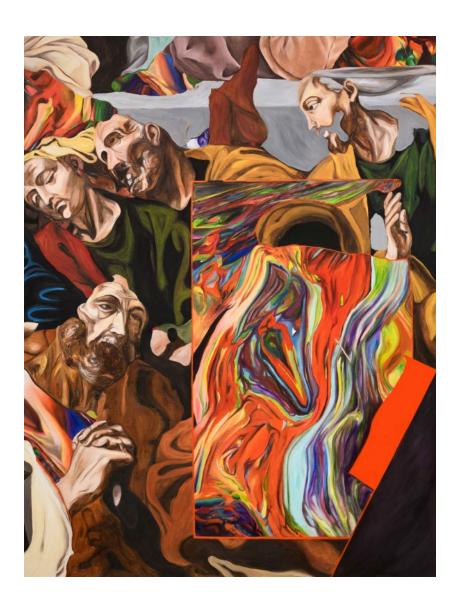


















## DUE TO THE IMAGE - Solo Show

Postmasters Gallery, New York, NY, 2021

«This tentative approach brings us back to the reassessment of the relationships between the history of images, with the resulting critique of tradition and the history of contexts.

But watch out (!) this attempt to Reinterpret the Italian Iconographic Past in Alessandro Giannì must not be confused with that accusation, which has often been made, a superficial one, in which foreign critics often improperly look for picturesque dimensions and vestiges of a remote past almost as if the Italian artist were unable to detach himself from his past. (How many times have I had to argue about this!)

Our culture of efficiency and pragmatism is a painful byproduct of the loss of that feeling of measure, cosmic harmony, and wonderment. »

From Puer Aeternus or the Incredible Artistic Bound Between Alessandro Giannì and the A.I. by Renato Miracco

(Full text)

« Alessandro Giannì is a translator. Only with such premise can one possibly grasp the extent of his operations and give him credit for his works. He is a translator of "classic" images, of which peaceful, impassive and intangible existence in the mythical space of art, escapes the attempt to be brought to "light". They are images whose "glory", however, is determined precisely by their "survival" in translations. Michelangelo, Domenico Ghirlandaio, Leonardo, Rosso Fiorentino, Pontormo, Holbein: these are some of the names of artists inside the virtual "library" he feeds upon. »

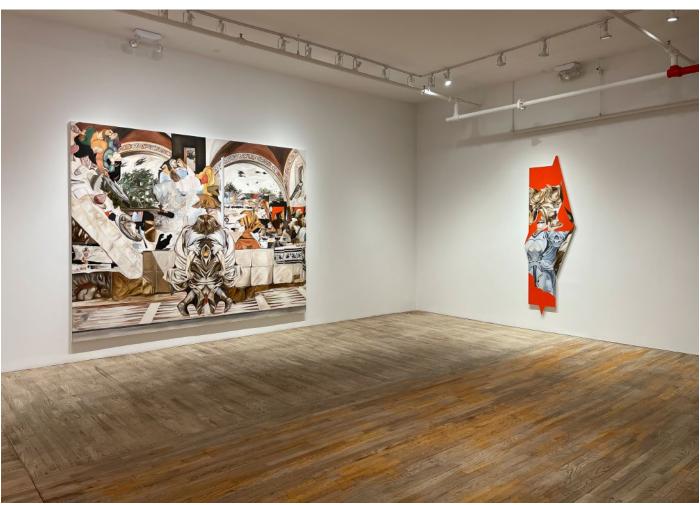
From Stratagems of Resemblance by Giuseppe Armogida

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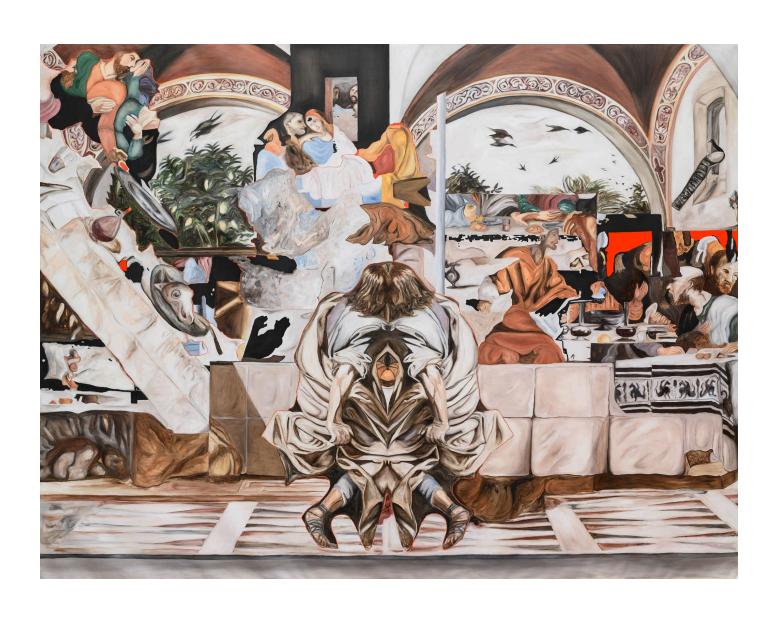




**DUE TO THE IMAGE**Exhibition view, Postmasters Gallery, New York, NY, 2021

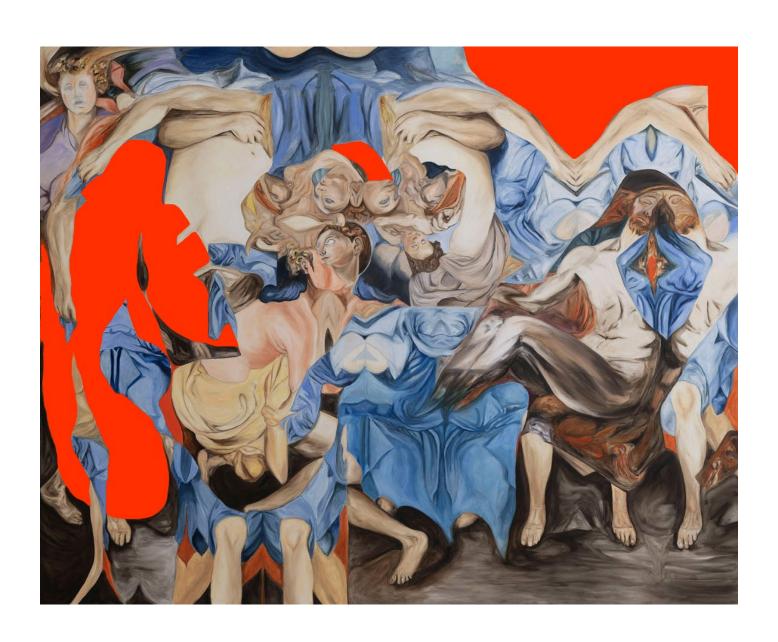








Due to the Image (The Right Mistake) 2021 oil on canvas,  $250 \times 90 \text{ cm}$ 



DUE TO THE IMAGE it's the first series of paintings created in 2020 with the collaboration of VASARI: a custom artificial intelligence program created specifically to emulate Gianni's creative and conceptual processes, essentially becoming a "collaborator" during the production of new paintings. VASARI -the software- is able to create digital sketches based on certain indications and through the reworking of previous paintings, images collected from the Internet and Alessandro Gianni's archive. Some of these digital elaborations become oil paintings on canvas made by the artist.





Due to the Image (Red Flight) 2021 oil on canvas,  $400 \times 200$  cm

#### Frammenti da lontano

Galleria Mazzoli, Modena, Italy, 2023

« Il salto dalla realtà tangibile della strada a una realtà più sospesa, si coglie nelle opere di Alessandro Giannì che, seppur pittoriche e caratterizzate da soggetti di dipinti rinascimentali, restituiscono nel loro essere frammentate e segmentate, un vortice visivo che riflette il mondo digitale dal quale derivano, cioè Vasari, un'intelligenza artificiale che le genera come fonte visiva. Le immagini sulla tela si alternano, si specchiano e si fondono, fino a perdere una temporalità data. Non con un soggetto, ma con un interrogativo di stampo classico. »

Curated by Giuliana Benassi

(Full text)

« Frammenti da Iontano non è, volontariamente, una mappatura esaustiva sulla scena romana, quanto piuttosto una possibile (e riuscita) proposta di certe sfumature complesse che appartengono all'humus attuale della capitale, tra esperienze, visioni, contraddizioni, rigore, forza, rumore, pace. »

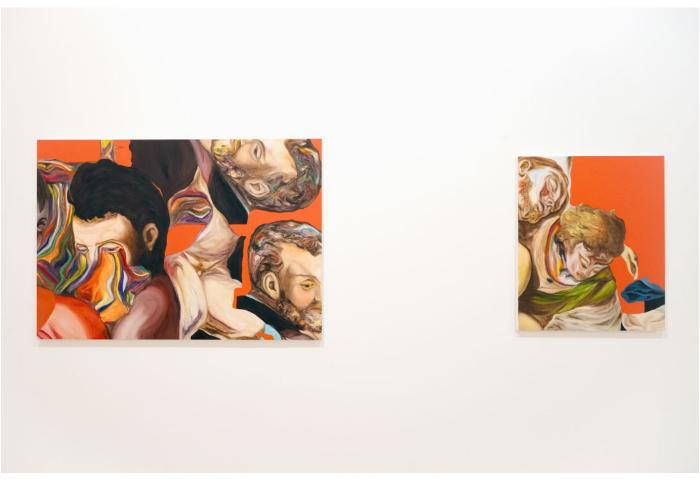
From Frammenti da Iontano, ATP diary, by Lorenzo Madaro



















## The power of painting 绘画的力量

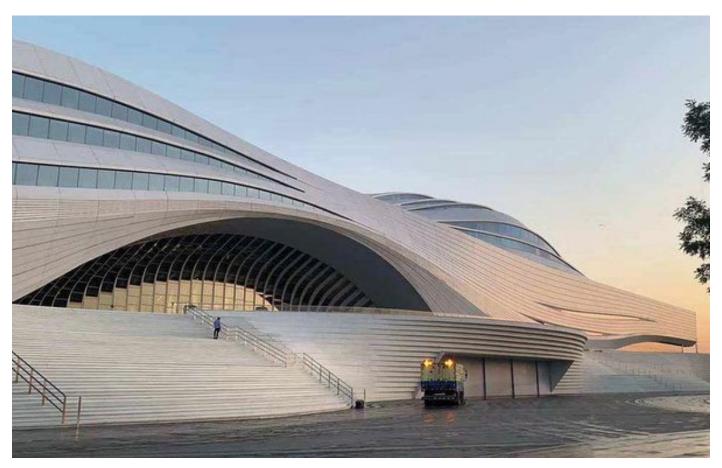
CAFA Art Museum, LangFang, China, 2024

Group exhibition with: Antony Gormley, Anish Kapoor , Bernard Frize, Friedrich Einhoff, Zhang Enli, Zhang XiaoGang, Jörg Immendoff, Miriam Chan, Wang Guang Le, Ding Yi, Etsu Egami, John McLean, YanBing, SunYitian, Chryney Thompson , Christopher le Brun.

Curated by Han KunZe, Sun TianYi







The power of painting 绘画的力量 CAFA Art Museum, LangFang, China, 2024

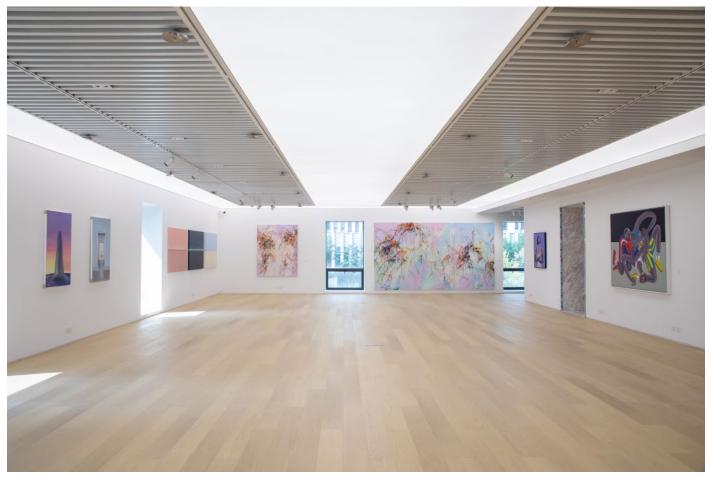
# Post me Generation: How to write about young artists

Tang Contemporary Art, Beijing, 2022

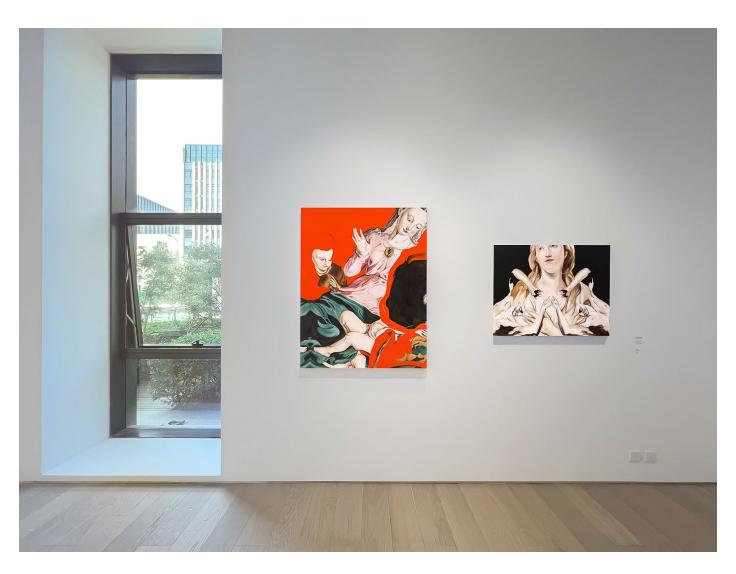
« The step beyond metaphor (which could also be a step backward, or a more post-modern step) is an 'affective image'. As we confront an increasingly complex world, we would need to be determined yet also proactive in internalising and expressing this metaphor. Hope and anxiety fleet; melancholy and prosperity approach. As Hermann Bahr had written, "never was happiness so unattainable and freedom so dead. Distress cries aloud; man cries out for his soul; this whole pregnant time is one great cry of anguish. Art too joins in, into the great darkness she too calls for help, she cries to the spirit." Here, Art calls out to Expressionism, which often uses representational painting for expressing the human soul. Reminiscent of a ghost, art can 'play the role of human', intently stalking the image the avatar of human souls - to revolutionise continuously. We can see this art, and we may even interact with it. »

From Post me Generation: How to write about young artists by Fiona Lu





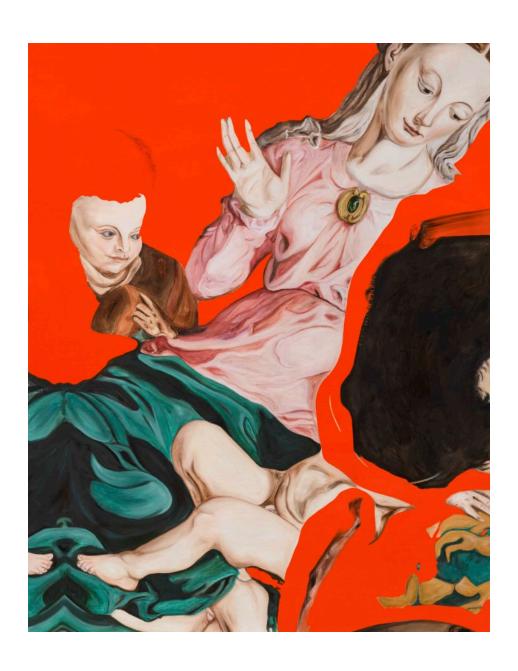
**Post-me Generation: How to write about young artists** Exhibition view, Tang Contemporary Art, Beijing, 2022







Maeternità 2015 oil on canvas, 400 x 200 cm





#### **Global Song**

Tang Contemvporary Art, Hong Kong, 2021

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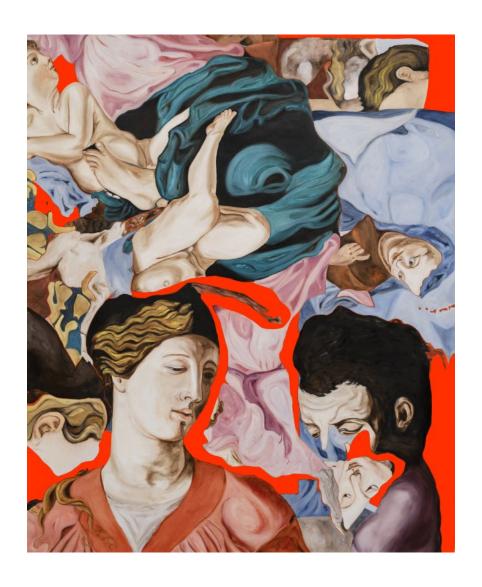
From Global Song by Fiona Lu

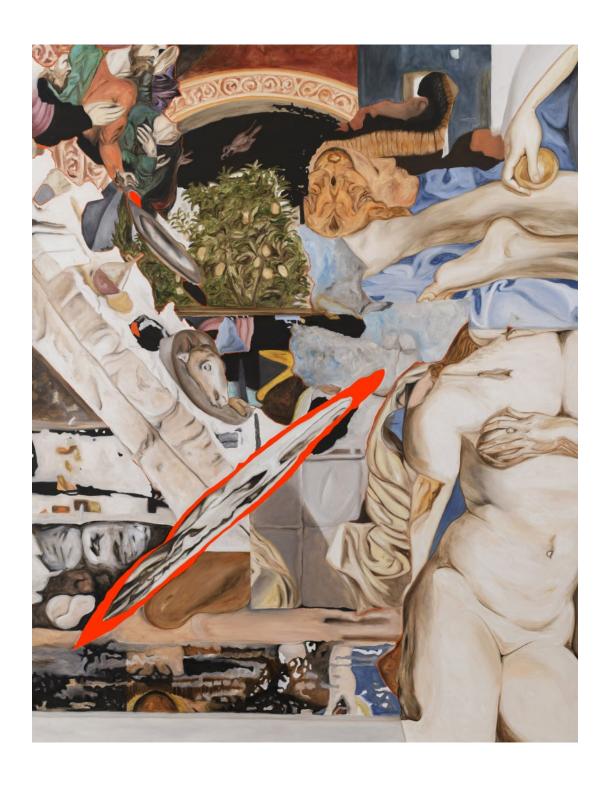




**Global Song** Exhibition view, Tang Contemporary Art, Hong Kong, 2022







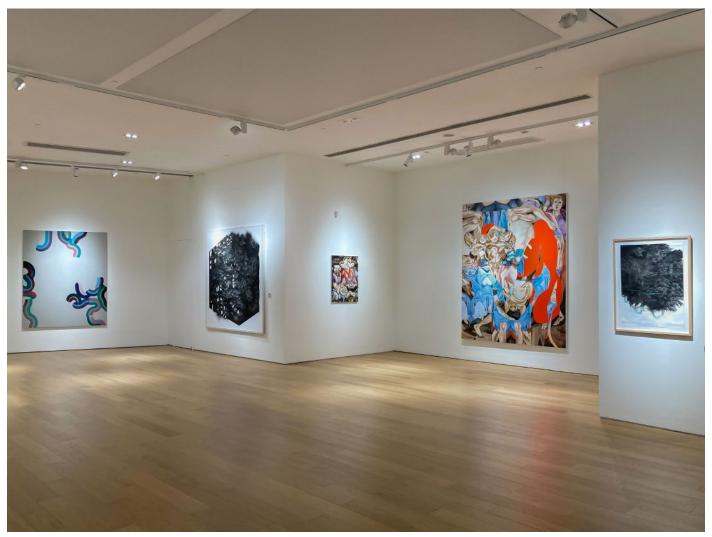
#### Ineffable Worlds

Tang Contemporary Art, Hong Kong, 2021

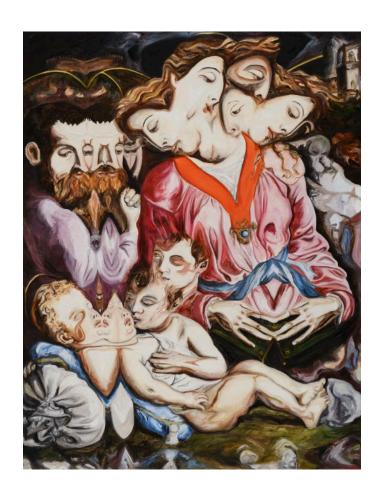
« In the works of Alessandro Giannì, the possibility of reinstating a work of art with its original aura enters preponderantly, in spite of the flow of digital images and the struggle for visual supremacy between memes and sharing on social media. Playing with the concept of an artwork in the age of its mechanical reproduction (Benjamin 1936), Giannì draws images of historical artworks from the web through an artificial intelligence system, allowing them to re-emerge in a vortex of faces and erasures in a new pictorial agglomerate. »

From *Ineffable Worlds* by Michela Sena and Giuliana Benassi









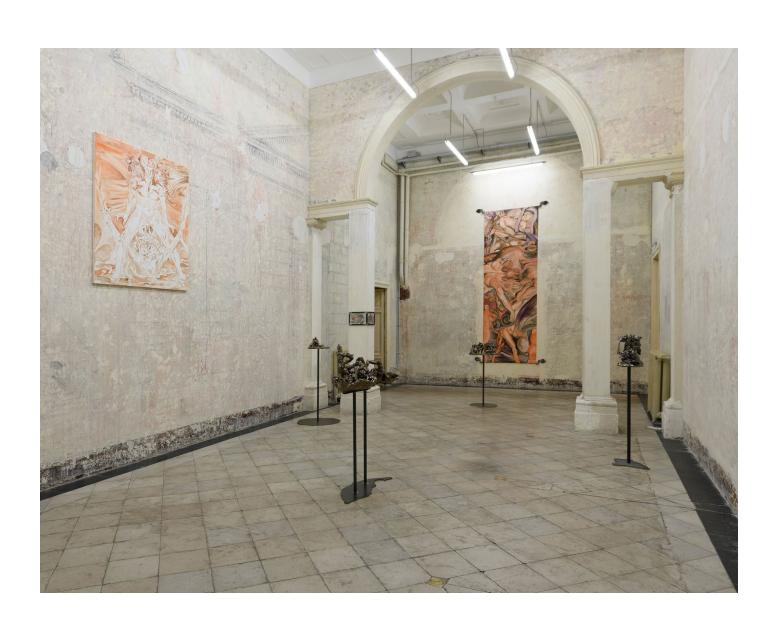
## La linea retta non appartiene a Dio (sala inferno) -Solo Show

Contemporary Cluster, Rome, Italy, 2021

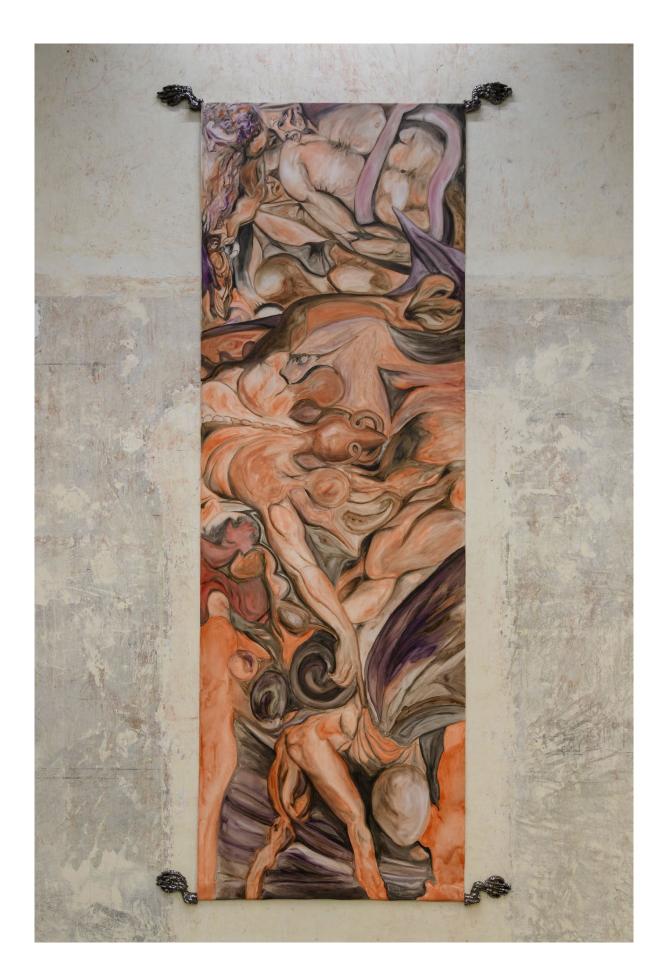
« Nell'anno delle celebrazioni per i settecento anni dalla morte di Dante, Contemporary Cluster [Collective Intelligence] celebra il sommo poeta con una mostra dedicata e ispirata alla Divina Commedia, immensa opera cardine della lingua e cultura italiana. La mostra si divide in tre sale: inferno, purgatorio e paradiso e ogni sala ospita un artista. »



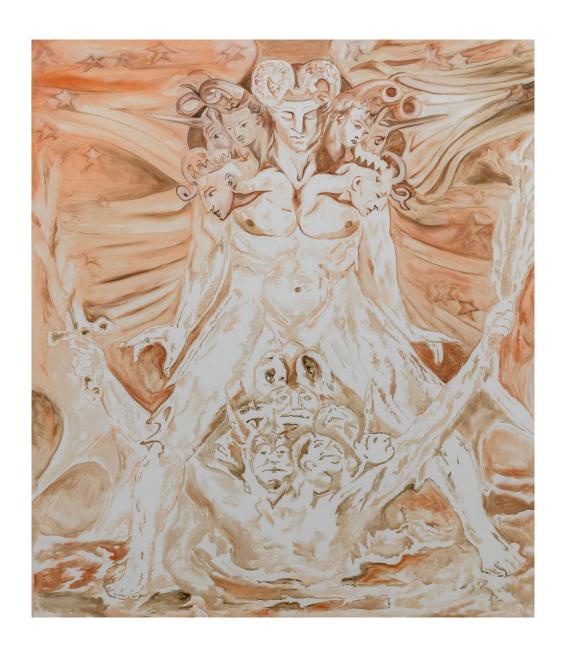
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Il verdetto del Drago 2021 oil on canvas and ceramic inserts, 350 x 115 cm















Guai a voi, anime prave! 2021 ceramic, 40 x 100 x 30 cm





The Great Red Dragon and the Beast from the Sea 2021 ceramic, 25  $\,$  x 25 x 35 cm

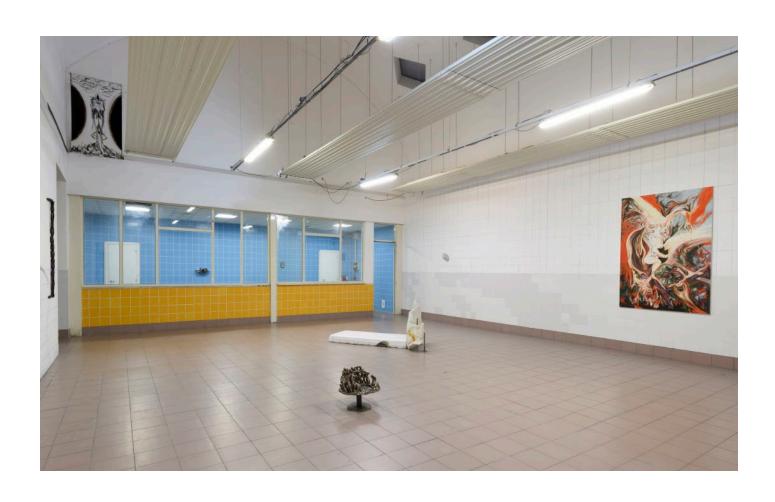
### II, duo-show with Lulù Nuti

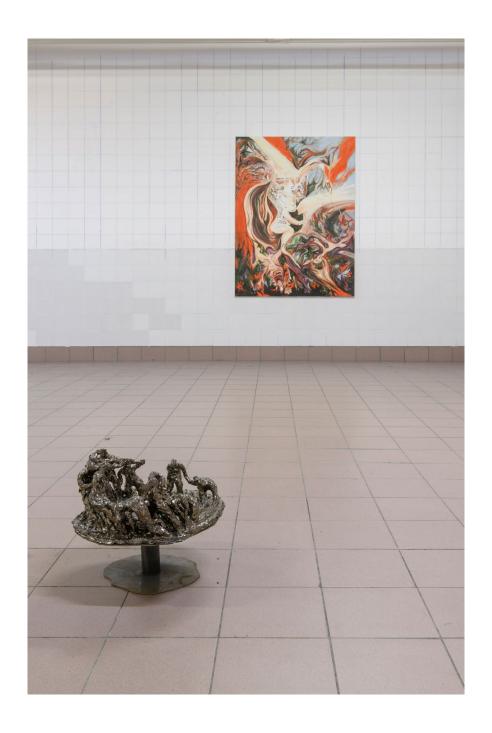
SPAZIOMENSA, Rome, 2021

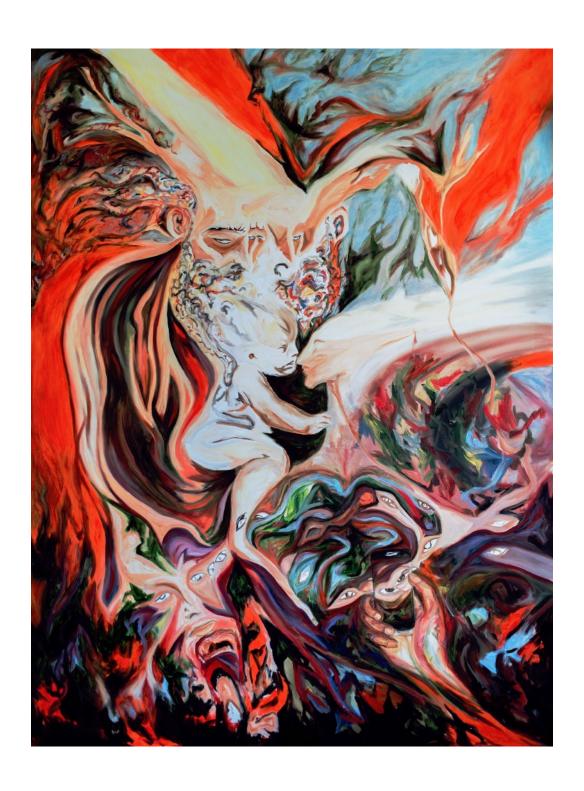
« Figures survive, blurred and liquefied in a chaotic memory. We can recognize some fragments of faces in the paintings of Gianní: a man, a woman, a baby perhaps. Sometimes spheres partially emerge throughout the paintings and chromed ceramics. The work looks at humanity from the outside and from far away in time and space. »

From *Interlude. For a mythology of the future.* by Giuliana Benassi









L'inganno fluido del tempo 2017 oil on canvas, 200 x 150 cm





Il pensiero cambia pelle 2018 ceramic, 21 x 18 x 21 cm





## L'Apocalisse dell'ora - Solo Show

Albumarte, Rome, 2019

« Everything is infused with constant tension between two fields: the human and the machines. In his New Dark Age. Technology and the End of the Future, James Bridle makes an analysis of those places defined as "code/space", places that represent the intertwining of computation with the physical environment and the experience that one makes of it. "Rather than overlaying and augmenting them, computation becomes a crucial component of them, such that the environment and the experience of it actually ceases to function in the absence of code". Similarly, the works of Alessandro Giannì reveal (from Latin: apocalypsis and Greek:  $\varpi$ : «revelation») a reality that is co-produced by two different origins: the binary electronic matrix, which is programmed and repeats itself to infinity; and the human one made of flaws, errors, and weaknesses.»

From L'Apocalisse dell'ora by Lorenzo Gigotti

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**L'apocalisse dell'ora** Exhibition view, Albumarte, Rome, 2019





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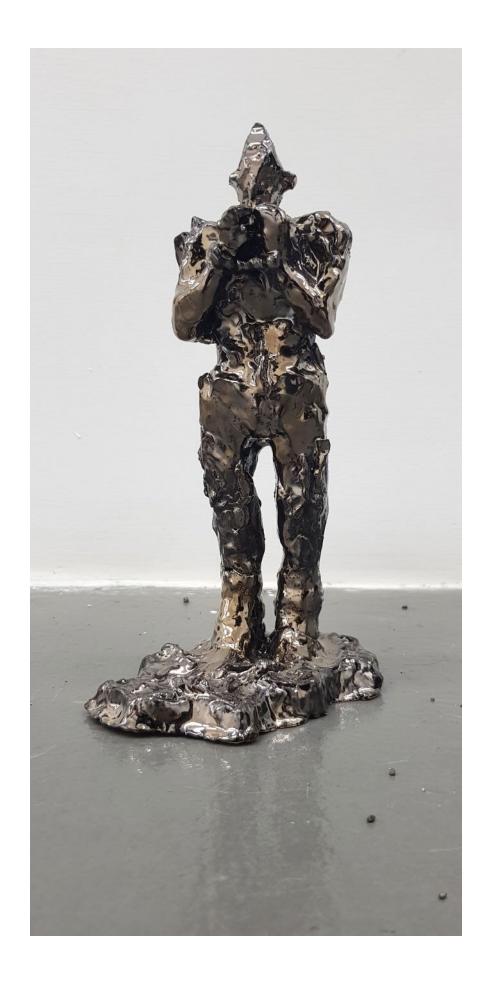












Untitled 2019 ceramic, 20 x 25 x 8 cm

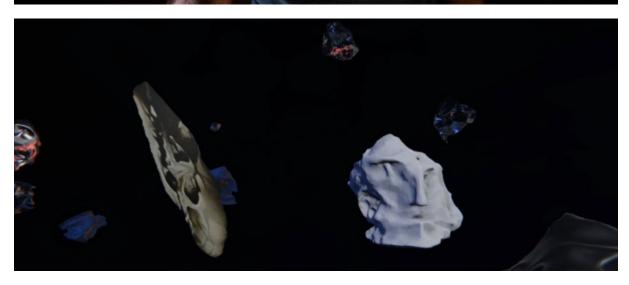


"Questa razza di diavoli non conosce regole!" is a series of works in which the traditional process of sculpture is merged with new media such as 3D animation and VR.

Each ceramic sculpture is scanned in 3D and then becomes a new component and layer of a 3D landscape. The video works and sculptures are connected in their matrix, but they are separate works that will each go their own way.



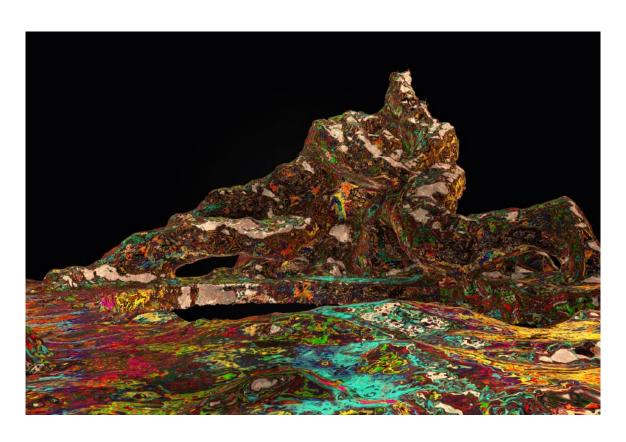




Questa razza di diavoli non conosce regole! 2019 video projection and HTC Vive (developed by UNBOOLEAN)



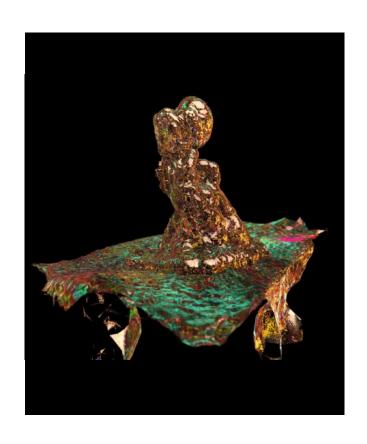




Synchronic Existence
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3D video (developed by UNBOOLEAN)



Synchronic Existence 2020 ceramic, 19 x 30 x 32 cm

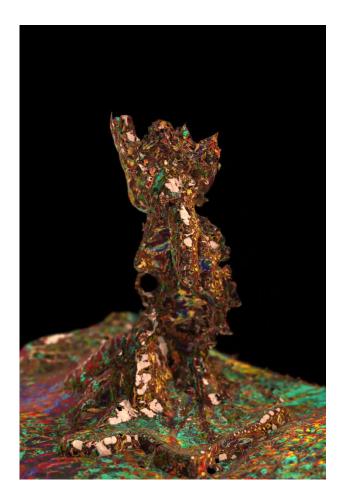


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Untitled 2019 ceramic, 33 x 50 x 27 cm









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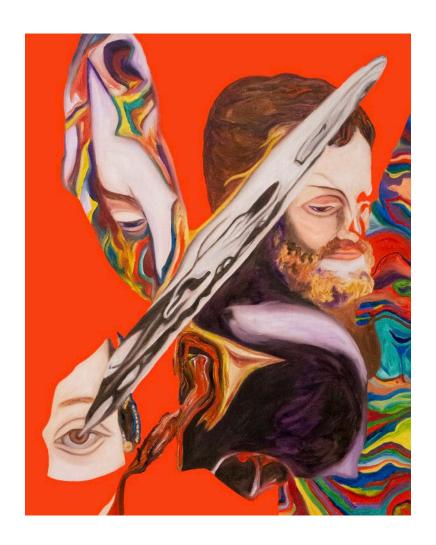
















Untitled 2023 oil on canvas, 200 x 150 cm









# Alessandro Giannì

b. 1989, Rome, Italy

#### **EDUCATION**

2011 Accademia Belle Arti di Roma, Italy

## **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2024 Psychomachia, Museo Archeologico Nazionale di Palestrina, Palestrina, Rome, Italy

2023 Breaking Darkness, curated by Giuliana Benassi and Michela Sena, Tang Contemporary Art,

Bangkok, Thailand

SPRING/BREAK Art Show, duo-solo show with Agata Bebecka, Skylight Culver City, Los Angeles, USA

2021 Due to the Image, Postmasters Gallery, New York, USA

La linea retta non appartiene a Dio (inferno), Contemporary Cluster, Rome, Italy

II, double solo show with Lulù Nuti, Spaziomensa, Rome, Italy

2019 Questa Razza Di Diavoli Non Conosce Regolel, curated by Valentino Catricalà, Maker Faire, Europe-

an Edition

L'apocalisse Dell'ora, curated by Lorenzo Gigotti, Albumarte, Rome, Italy Messinscéna, curated by Numero Cromatico, Pastificio Cerere, Rome, Italy

### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2024 The power of painting, curated by KunZe, Sun TianYi and AZhang ZiKang, CAFAMUSEUM, LangFang, China

2023 Frammenti da Iontano, curated by Giuliana Benassi, Galleria Mazzoli, Modena, Italy

Amici o pittori, curated by Marcello Smarrelli and Marco Emmanuele, Pastificio Cerere, Rome, Italy Riportando tutto a casa, curated by Lorenzo Madaro, Museo delle Navi Romane di Nemi, Rome, Italy

Niente di antico sotto il sole, Palazzo Ducale, Tagliacozzo, L'Aquila, Italy

2022 Transformer 20, curated by Victoria Reis, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington DC, USA

Post me generation, curated by Fiona Lu, Tang Contemporary Art, Beijing, China

Global Song, curated by Fiona Lu, Tang Contemporary Art, Hong Kong

Imprint, Sector 1 Gallery, curated by Domenico De Chirico, Bucharest, Romania Da Chagall a De Chirico, curated by Cesare Biasini Selvaggi, 21 gallery, Treviso, Italy Spazio, forma, ritmo – e a Capo, curated by Davide Silvioli, Museo Civico d'Arte Moderna e

Contemporanea di Anticoli Corrado, Rome, Italy

2021 Ineffable Worlds, curated by Giuliana Benassi and Michela Sena, Tang Contemporary Art, Hong Kong

Transfiguration: Leaving Reality Behind, Postmasters Gallery, New York, USA Materia Nova, curated by Massimo Minnini, Galleria d'Arte Moderna, Rome, Italy

La comunità inoperosa, curated by Giuseppe Armogida, Palazzo Ducale, Tagliacozzo, L'Aquila, Italy

Bazar, Federica Di Carlo Studio, Milan, Italy

Ricominciare Dal Silenzio, Spazio Coatto, Milan, Italy

There Is No Place Like Home, curated by Giuliana Benassi, Rome, Italy

Salon Palermo, Rizzuto Gallery, Palermo, Italy

2020 Spaziomensa group show, Spaziomensa, Rome, Italy

Shh... It's A Secret, Postmasters Gallery, Rome, Italy

Arcoscenico, Numero Cromatico, Pastificio Cerere, Rome, Italy

Roma Nuda, Spaziomensa, Rome, Italy

2019 *RE-NEW,* Postmasters Gallery, Rome, Italy

Preparing For Darkness, Kühlhaus Berlin, Berlin, Germany

Internet Paintings, Maxxi Museum, Rome, Italy 18:18, Curated by Delfina Santoro, Maxxi Museum, Rome, Italy

2018 Movements, Villa Orlandi/Casa Musumeci Greco, Capalbio, Italy

Ex Voto, Ex Dogana, Rome, Italy

Futuropatia, Rome, Italy

2017 Comsurrogate, Galleria Richter, Rome, Italy

Del Sublime, Siena, Italy 07:07, Mompeo, Rimini, Italy

2016 Artist In Residence, curated by Renato Miracco, Italian Ambassador's Residence-Villa Firenze, Wa-

shington DC, USA

Display At American University's Katzen Arts Center, Washington DC, USA

Egh, Sala Expo, Rome, Italy

"5", curated by Miltos Manetas, Casaprota, Rimini, Italy

2015 Congresso Dei Disegnatori, Turin, Italy

Histories Hidden In Plan Sight, curated by Maria Thereza Alves, Swiss Institute, Rome, Italy

Springsters, Rome, Italy

89-2012, Città Dell'altra Economia, Rome, Italy

Too Big To Fail, Città Dell'altra Economia, Rome, Italy

2014 Hey(Bleeding)Uys!, CODALUNGA, Casa Delle Armi, Rome, Italy

Newpressionism In Milan – 1,11,111, Swiss Institute, Milan, Italy

Newpressionism, curated by Salvatore Lacagnina, Swiss Institute, Rome, Italy

L'arte Per L'articolo 9, Parco Regionale Dell'Appia Antica, Rome, Permanent Work, Italy

2013 *Moltologico*, curated by Patrizia Ferri, Macro Museum, Rome, Italy

Electronic Orphanage, curated by Miltos Manetas, Macro Museum, Rome, Italy

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

2020 Co-founder Spaziomensa, Artist-run space in Rome.

2016 A Starchild For None And All, curated by Enrico Ghezzi and Emiliano Montanari, 73rd Venice Bien-

nale of Cinema, Venice, Italy

2015 Pratalata, Swiss Institute, curated by Maria Thereza Alves

#### **PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

He Art Museum, Shunde District, China Minsheng Art Museum, Shanghai, China Fondazione Coppola, Vicenza, Italy



He art Museum projected by Tadao Ando Shunde District, Foshan, China



Minsheng Art Museum Shanghai, China



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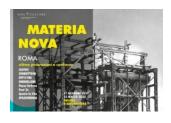
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Immersi nel Futuro. La Realtà virtuale, nuova frontiera del cinema e della TV, Simone Arcagni (ed.) RAI-Palermo University Press, 2020



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