

THE ABILITY TO DREAM

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«All'Arte, all'Amore, all'Amicizia. L'unica tripla A per cui vale la pena impegnare il grande dono di essere al mondo.»

“To Art, to Love, to Friendship. The only three things for which it is worth committing the great gift of being in the world.”

Mario Cristiani, Lorenzo Fiaschi et Maurizio Rigillo, founders of GALLERIA CONTINUA.

GALLERIA CONTINUA is delighted to present *The Ability to Dream*, a group exhibition in three chapters at its French spaces in Paris and Les Moulins, and at the Centre Interculturel Leila Alaoui (CILA) in Fontvieille, Provence, marking the inaugural exhibition of this new art centre. This new trilogy follows on from the eponymous exposition presented at GALLERIA CONTINUA / San Gimignano in 2022.

The Ability to Dream is the title of a documentary produced and directed by Sky Arte and TIWI, retracing thirty years of GALLERIA CONTINUA's history, through the voices and memories of some of the protagonists of this incredible adventure.

On this occasion, GALLERIA CONTINUA would like to thank the artists, craftspeople, curators, professionals, institutions, collectors and everyone else who has supported its project over the years, as well as the entire gallery team for its passionate work and unstinting commitment, and of course the public who passes through the doors of its eight spaces around the world every day.

Until December 2024 at Les Moulins, after the Paris and CILA chapters, GALLERIA CONTINUA

invites you on an artistic journey through time and space, giving mind and body to the words of its three founders, and devoting an unprecedented and abundant platform to thirty years of work and passion. To give colour to the ephemera of ideas, thoughts and sensations accumulated over the years, this narrative celebrates three feelings – art, love and friendship – divided into three temporal axes – past, present and future.

The Ability to Dream pays homage to the gallery's artists with major pieces revolving around these values, which have been repeated in the other two chapters in Paris and Fontvieille. It is thanks to each of them, to the mark they have left, to their contribution, to the paths they have opened up, that the history of the gallery has been written, borrowing different silhouettes, shapes, colours and languages.

The Ability to Dream presents a body of work that includes the artists who have accompanied the gallery on this journey from the outset, as well as those who have joined more recently. Each work on display bears witness to the unique bond that has developed over the years between GALLERIA CONTINUA and the nearly seventy artists it has accompanied, to give concrete expression to the gallery's fundamental purpose: to be a meeting point for everyone, through art and creation. Over the course of its three chapters, *The Ability to Dream* will invite visitors to an immersive experience made up of unusual objects, fantastical characters and installations that play with light and colour or defy the laws of physics, space and time.

The other chapters of the exposition *The Ability to Dream* took place at GALLERIA CONTINUA / Paris from 23 June to 21 September 2023 and at the Centre Interculturel Leila Alaoui (CILA) in Fontvieille from 8 July to 10 September 2023.

About GALLERIA CONTINUA :

GALLERIA CONTINUA is a contemporary art gallery founded in 1990 in San Gimignano by three friends - Mario Cristiani, Lorenzo Fiaschi and Maurizio Rigillo - and now present in San Gimignano, Rome, Beijing, Paris, Les Moulins, Havana, São Paulo and Dubai.

GALLERIA CONTINUA aims to create continuity between eras, enhancing the link between past, present and future, in order to actively contribute to the making of art history.

In over thirty years of activity, the gallery has developed a strong identity that embraces the strong themes inherent in creation and the blending of cultures. Its spaces around the world invite visitors to encounter and exchange around works of art, recounting a vision of beauty that is plural, joyful, cosmopolitan and rich in influences.

GALLERIA CONTINUA / Les Moulins is an emblematic site of the industrial heritage of the Paris suburbs, located in Boissy-le-Châtel, in the Grand Morin valley near Coulommiers. The gallery's first space in France, this monumental and unique forty-thousand square metre space has become a creative incubator, giving rise to exceptional site-specific productions and avant-garde projects, as well as a pioneering art education programme.

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