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STEFANO DI STASIO. PRESENCES ELSEWHERE

curator Vittoria Coen

March 3-April 3, 2022

In an exhibition at Fondazione Stelline, one of the protagonists of the return to figurative image painting shows medium and large-sized works, many created expressly for this solo show

[Milan, 14 January, 2022] **Fondazione Stelline** opens its 2022 exhibition season with a show curated by Vittoria Coen, **Stefano di Stasio *Presenze altrove (Presences Elsewhere)***. The show is part of the program of **Milano Art Week** (28 March – 3 April 2022), the week which the Municipality of Milan, in collaboration with miart, dedicates to modern and contemporary art.

This solo show, held from **March 3 to April 3, 2022**, features around twenty medium- and large-size works, including new paintings on canvas and works on paper created especially for this important occasion.

For Stefano Di Stasio, painting – when fully engaged with, studied, loved, and undertaken leaving nothing to chance – is an expression of experimentation free from the bonds of momentary trends and fashions.

His oils on canvas depict stories, dreams, and recent or remote memories, painted with meticulous attention to individual details, which become like notes on a pentagram. His works on paper are alive with the vibrations of the strokes, the lines, the melody into which the artist plunges.

In the construction of his paintings, we see geometric “breaks” opening onto new perspectives that ideally link back to the artist’s early conceptual work of the late 1970s.

Di Stasio’s work is populated by various human figures, animals, flowers (the rose) and objects (the piano), all with strong symbolic values, and free

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interpretation on the part of the viewer is a very important component of his poetics.

The exhibition is staged with the support of the Region of Lombardia and the Municipality of Milan, in collaboration with Galleria Alessandro Bagnai. A printed catalogue with an introductory text by Vittoria Coen will accompany the exposition.

Several special events are planned during the exhibition, including the guided visits **At the exhibition with the curator** (Saturday 5 March, 19 March and 2 April, at 5:00 pm) and an **Encounter with the artist** (Friday 1 April, 6:00 pm); updated information is always available on the website www.stelline.it

***Stefano Di Stasio** (Naples, 1948) lives and works in Rome – where he moved with his family in 1950 – and Spoleto. A fundamental experience in his artistic training was an encounter – arranged by his mother who had met the artist at the theater - at the age of 12 with Giorgio De Chirico, to whom he showed a folder of his drawings. After studying with Toti Scialoja, in the early years of his career his experimentation centered on abstract painting and then non-pictorial installation. In 1978 he caught the attention of Plinio De Martiis, who invited him to show his work at La Tartaruga gallery in groups and solo exhibitions focusing on the new return to painting. In addition to participating in “Aperto ’82” at the 1982 Venice Biennial, he had solo rooms at the later Venice Biennials of 1984 and 1995.*

The galleries that have handled his work over the years include, among others: La Tartaruga, Pio Monti, La Nuova Pesa, Gian Enzo Sperone, L’Attico, Il Polittico, A.A.M., Maniero, Studio Vigato, Alessandro Bagnai, Arts Events, Ambrosino and Andrea Arte. Among the museums that have shown his work: Museo del Risorgimento in Rome (1997-1999), Palaexpò in Rome (1992-1999-2013), Scuderie del Quirinale in Rome (2000), County Museum, Los Angeles, USA (1987), Museum of Modern Art, Ostend, Belgium (2001), GNAM, Rome (2004-2018), MART in Rovereto (2005), MACRO in Rome (2013), Museo Ettore Fico in Torino (2021).

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From March 3 to April 3, 2022

Hours: Tues-Sun, 10 am – 8 pm (closed Monday)

Free entrance, with obligatory Super Green Pass and FFP2 mask

Special events:

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Encounter with the artist: Friday April 1, 6:00 pm

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