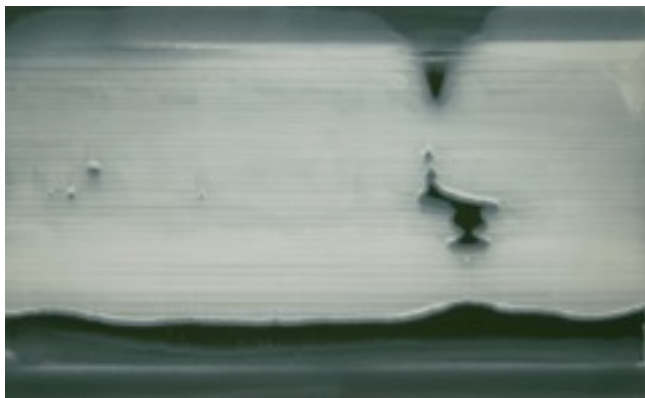


Matteo Montani

Il bacio e altre strade per le stelle (The kiss and other streets for the stars)

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PRESS RELEASE



On Friday 24 October at 18.00 at via del Portico d'Ottavia 13, the second personal show of Matteo Montani will be inaugurated at **Valentina Bonomo Gallery Roma**. The artist will present new works of small, medium and large dimensions, created specifically for the gallery.

In these works the "real blue" (the artists' chosen chromatic of recent years) leaves space to shade the tonality of frozen white flanked unexpectedly by golden color. It is with the unfailing support of sand paper

that the artist's intimate and ancestral universe is manifested. If the blue paintings of Montani involve a trip to the confines of the soul, hanging in a post-mortem dimension, in this occasion the paintings seem to have an improved notability. This push propels his medium of expression (a brush or a spaceship?): seen from the highest of highest views.

Matteo Montani is an artist in evolution: he participated and drew great success from critics and the public in the 15th Quadriennale d'arte in Rome.

The artist was selected as one of 20 finalists in the 9th Premio Cairo (25 October 2008) and of the 20 finalists he won the Premio Fondazione Roma Giovani Artist-Talent Prize 2008, in partnership with the review INSIDEART. At the end of October he will inaugurate a personal show at Museo d'Arte di Ravenna, curated by Marco Tonelli and directed by Claudia Spadoni.

Matteo Montani, born in 1972, lives and works in Rome. He inaugurated his first show in 1997 at the studio of *Alfredi Pirri*: he is followed in Rome and in diverse Italian cities; in 2004 he gave his first personal show at the space *Valentina Bonomo Roma* of which followed a show at *Galleria Bonomo* in Bari. In 2007 and then in May 2008, he exhibited in the gallery "L'Attico" by *Fabio Sargentini*. In July he starred along with *Irene Kung* in a show at the Cultural Association *il Frantoio* in Capalbio.

PRINCIPAL PERSONAL SHOWS

2008 Oltre Natura (with Irene Kung), il Frantoio, Capalbio (GR), curated by P. Candinas e V. Bonomo.

2007 Fostèr, Fabio Sargentini - Associazione culturale l'Attico, Rome; **2005 Passerò per Via Nicolò dell'Arca**, Galleria Marilena Bonomo, Bari; **2004 La Via**, Studio Visconti, Milan, curated by Ludovico Pratesi; **I lunatici**, *valentinabonomoartecontemporanea*, Roma, curated by Ludovico Pratesi.

PRINCIPAL COLLECTIVE SHOWS

2008 15° Quadriennale d'Arte, Palazzo delle esposizioni, Rome; **Spore, Atomi, Stelle**, Fabio Sargentini, curated by Marco Tonelli - Associazione culturale l'Attico, Rome; **L'Arca**, Galleria Marilena Bonomo, Bari.

Matteo Montani " Il Bacio", 2008, 94x150 cm, olio su carta abrasiva; Credito fotografico: Carlos H. Sanchez

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