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ISOLA E NORZI

1 – 30 April 2005

Friday, April 1st, in Rome at via del Portico d'Ottavia 13, Valentina Bonomo Arte Contemporanea will inaugurate a project by **Hilario Isola and Matteo Norzi**.

The exhibition, entitled **Sonno (Sleep)**, is part of a new project at the cultural association, **link**, which is dedicated to works by new emerging artists.

Since 1999 Isola e Norzi have worked in sculpture, covering a figurative and conceptual artistic search.

Their work is born from a game; the wooden figures are pawns in the space. Hilario Isola and Matteo Norzi engrave various materials, wood in particular, creating cuts and excavations that describe a human aspect, a physical interaction between muted material and expressive gesture, between the superficial nude and the carved figure.

Isola e Norzi will be presented in the collective show at S. Michele a Ripa Grande – DARC entitled "Architettura come paesaggi" curated by Marco Vallora. The exhibition will take place from 31 March to 23 May 2005.

Sleep

The sculpture needs light.

The dark sleep.

Chiaroscuro.

From this conflict came the idea of a dark environment, where light presses on emptiness.

The space creates a full return to a sense of the material.

To crush the void, two bodies just outlined from the shadowst:

Above, the evanescent shape of a baby that in a deep sleep makes light,

Under, her reflection distorted by weight.

Pressed in half, between the lightness of the dream and the gravity of reality, is perhaps the search for the unknown place of sleep.

A maternal figure seen from behind, faces this secret and guides those arriving to wander into the room.

As though she is disconnected from the doorway, her gaze is flat, white and muted like the wall that encloses the shadows already designated to carpentry materials.

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