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## **ISOLA E NORZI**

1 – 30 April 2005

Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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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