

## **The Milky Way Foto**

### **Group show curated by Damiana Leoni**

The Milky Way, promoted by Pianoterra and curated by Damiana Leoni, comes back on Thursday, May 24th (12am-9pm), Friday, May 25th (11am-7.30pm) and Saturday, May 26th (10- 12am, by appointment only), press preview Wednesday, May 23rd 11am-3pm.

After the previous three editions in 2014 in Naples, at Lia Rumma Gallery, in 2015 in Rome, at Studio SALES di Norberto Ruggeri Gallery and in 2016 at Giò Marconi Gallery, The Milky Way is back in Naples and offers the public a chance for a new gaze.

The Milky Way Foto will open at Lia Rumma Gallery, involving 57 artists and photographers in an exhibition whose theme will be *Your Love / Amore Tuo*, a way of telling love through multiple visions.

The Milky Way Foto's protagonists are: Marina Abramović, Miles Aldridge, Andreco, Ciro Battiloro, Priscilla Benedetti, Jasmine Bertusi, Tommaso Borgstrom, Adam Broomberg & Oliver Chanarin, Francesco Cabras, Simona Caleo, Juno Calypso, Paolo Canevari, Monica Carocci, Lorenzo Castore, Talia Chetrit, Maisie Cousins, Alessandra d'Urso, Siân Davey, Veronica della Porta, Marco Delogu, Vittoria Di Giovanniello, Alfred Drago Rens, Martin Errichiello, Gabriele Galimberti, Simona Ghizzoni, Manfredi Gioacchini, Francesco Jodice, Philip Jones Griffiths, Mohamed Keita, Irene Kung, Luigi Leoni, Alex Majoli, Emanuele Mascioni, Lorenzo Meloni, Gideon Mendel, Oskar Metsavaht, Landon Metz, Domingo Milella, Davide Monteleone, Marina Paris, Francesca Pasquali, Beatrice Pediconi, Massimo Piersanti, Leonardo Pucci, Carolina Sandretto, Corrado Sassi, Marco Schifano, Alice Schivardi, Johnnie Shand Kydd, Elisa Sighicelli, Massimo Siragusa, John Stezaker, Ornella Tiberi, Riccardo Venturi, Stephen Waddell, Francesco Zizola.

*Your Love / Amore Tuo* is a simple, though mysterious theme.

Pianoterra asked artists and photographers involved: *What moves you? What crushes, beats and grinds you, and takes your breath away, then brings you (back) to life?* Answers to those questions arrived through the artworks on display, following an invitation to freely reflect on these issues. Artists who chose to participate to The Milky Way Foto donating one of their works come from different worlds, from photojournalism to contemporary art, but also from different generations and times.

The Milky Way (which is also a metaphor for the plurality of voices and points of view involved in the project) has since its first edition the mission of giving voice to a good cause with an important project that privileges contemporary creativity. In the previous years the proceeds from the sale of artworks was used to fund activities and interventions in support of vulnerable families in Naples and Rome, to answer to mothers' basic needs and build with them structured plans of support, of listening, caring and professional training.

"In ten years we have witnessed many small steps [...], moments that confirm our initial idea: the welcoming, listening and respect for the other, at the base of our actions, can be not only a precious support in the process of change, but also the entire process' trigger. Each work of transformation should start from here, bearing in mind that the true potential of each person is often hidden by heavy layers of suffering, struggle and fear", writes Alessia Bulgari, Pianoterra's president, in *Ten years of Pianoterra*, reporting the association's first the years of activity.

The Milky Way Foto, promoted by Pianoterra at Lia Rumma Gallery, Naples until 26 May 2018.

