

Press release

Visto da qui_Luca Francesconi
Guardiano delle Acque

Opening reception: 11 — 24 June 2020

Venue: Galleria Umberto Di Marino - Via Alabardieri 1, 80121, Napoli

Opening hours: As the health of our visitors and team is a top priority for us only two visitors at a time will be allowed to enter the exhibition space, observing social distancing and all hygiene measures, and by appointment.

Visits can be scheduled by phone: +39 081 0609318; email: info@galleriaumbertodimarino.com; Facebook

In December 2019 Galleria Umberto Di Marino shut the year and the cycle of *Visto da qui* with Marco Raparelli's dj set *Running the Field*, in order to resume the ordinary program of the gallery in 2020.

Visto da qui was an early opportunity to reflect on the gallery's structure and on the exhibitions making, with the aim of reducing the clear overproduction of contents and focusing the attention exclusively on the works.

Given the proclamation of the state of emergency, the consequent lockdown and the shared desire of a redefinition of the established art mechanisms, Galleria Umberto Di Marino decided to propose again what has already been started one year ago. Through a weekly newsletter this time, the gallery digitalized every single chapter of *Visto da qui* and part of the material collected during that project, making it available online to the public.

Galleria Umberto Di Marino, however, is unable to resume a normal program as being incompatible with current government measures. Although the multi-level structure of the project *Visto da qui* wants to raise once again all the questions and problems that may have been already abandoned in a frantic race to reopen and "return to normal"

So, Galleria Umberto Di Marino is pleased to announce the resumption of the project with the installation by Luca Francesconi *Guardiano delle Acque*, that won the Illy Present Future 2009 award at Artissima 16. The jury composed by Jens Hoffmann, Hans-Ulrich Obrist and Alexis Vaillan has given the following motivation:

"Luca Francesconi has created a cohesive body of work using an original approach. We feel that his work displays a capacity to combine a range of different art works, creating subtle interactions that constitute a sensitive intellectual scenario. Although Luca Francesconi works between Paris and Milan, he is not particularly well-known in his own country. The Illy Award represents an excellent starting point and focuses attention on his works which cast a new perspective on the critical situation of consumer society to which they refer. For all these reasons, we are proud to present the Illy Award 2009 to Luca Francesconi"