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GALLERIA D'ARTE

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Pavilion 3 - Stand D55

Contini Art Gallery is pleased to exhibit at MIART 2019 with a selection of works by three internationally acclaimed artists: **Manolo Valdés**, **Igor Mitoraj** and **Julio Larraz**.

Regarded as one of the most relevant artists of the 21st century, **Manolo Valdés** is an eclectic and multifaceted artist. His innovative creative research perfectly complements erudite citations of the classical past: Velázquez, Matisse, Picasso, Piero della Francesca are some of the Old Masters taken as a starting point for his artistic creations. Acting as a proper image-hunter, he selects a subject, a key theme, and then re-works it and re-develops it through its various meanings, returning at the end of the artistic process a new and contemporary image. The constant reference to the recognizable masterpieces of our past, is accompanied by a meticulous research of techniques, materials and compositions. Valdés' expressive language, built through a thorough study and use of different materials, makes his style immediately recognisable.

References to the past also characterize the sculpture by renown Polish artist **Igor Mitoraj**, who, taking inspirations from classical iconography, manages to enrich it with elegance and sensuality, developing a very personal and contemporary style. Materials such as bronze and marble are shaped in order to create fragmented, bandaged and mutilated bodies and faces: the typically Hellenistic themes are thus reinterpreted for the purpose of reflecting on deeply human concerns such as life and death, time and the past. Mankind and the uncertainty of life have always been the very core of his work, together with a soul-searching reflection on contemporary society and the human condition.

Julio Larraz is a talented and versatile Cuban-born artist whose vibrant and colorful painting reflects the artist himself and his warm and splendid personality. Larraz deals with several subject matter whose common ground is a shared dreamlike, metaphysical and surrealist style that pervades indiscriminately current social and political events, landscapes and female figures. The topic of power is a central theme in his production: treated with desecrating irony, it is a relic of his former post as a caricaturist for important newspapers such as the New York Times, the Washington Post and the Chicago Tribune, among others. Larraz manages to detect the crudest and most violent

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aspects of myths and stereotypes linked to the obsession of power, and he does it with a seemingly innocent, playful, grotesque at times, attitude.

In addition to the works by the above mentioned artists, Contini Art Gallery is showcasing a selection of works by Robert Indiana, Julian Schnabel, Pablo Atchugarry, Mario Arlati, Enzo Fiore, Carla Tolomeo, Giacomo Braglia, Francesco Salvi.

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Vernissage from 6 pm to 9 pm

Opening times:

Friday and Saturday from 12 am to 8 pm

Sunday from 11 am to 7 pm