

Fabrizio FONTANA

Fabrizio Fontana, born in 1971 in San Pietro Vernotico (BR) where he lives and works, obtained his diploma in painting from the Academy of Fine Arts in Lecce in 1995.

To date he has presented around thirty personal exhibitions nationally and internationally in cities such as New York, London, Rome, Lecce, Ljubljana, Nice, etc.

He has participated in a considerable number of collective exhibitions and international trade fairs such as SetUp Bologna, The Others Turin, Swab Barcelona, Budapest ArtMarket, ArtMonaco Montecarlo, Kunststart Bolzano, StArt Strasbourg, ArtGent and in other cities such as San Sebastian, Stockholm, Berlin, Luxembourg, Brussels, Nantes, Bordeaux, Mulhouse.

The galleries that represent Fabrizio Fontana to date are: GigiRigliacoGallery (ex Art And Ars Gallery) of Galatina LE for the Salento area, OrizzontiArte Ostuni BR for the Brindisi and south Bari area, Monteoliveto Gallery Nice / Naples for all of France and Europe and for the Neapolitan area, Project Space Salento for promotion in London and internationally.

His works are in various public collections, as well as of course in several private collections.

Fontana's artistic research always refers to a creative process that never disregards the idea of play. The game, in fact, plays a leading role not only as an action methodology but also and above all as an index of social discrimination and access code to a different way of looking at reality.

So the word game (Jioko) is the refrain that he often uses for the titles of his works as well as his exhibitions. When the term game is missing, the title is still a joke on words. In short, the game is used as a tool: a kind of cynical magnifying glass of reality and its contradictions. Fontana expresses himself in different languages from sculpture to pictorial and graphic works, as well as with his 'plexiboxes'.

His work starts from the phase in which he collects objects and fetishes and later transforms them into images that change their scale and destination.

From media idols, from cartoons and comics, from porn images and sacred icons, he collects ideas to then set up a theater of the everyday, asking different questions, many of which may not have answers.

His motto is "jioka (play) as you can, because you cannot jiofare (play) as you want".

Exhibitions (* with Monteoliveto Gallery/ ** curated by Monteoliveto Gallery)

Art fairs

2020, BOOMing Art Show, Bologna (IT)

2019, LuxArt Fair, Luxembourg (LUX) *
Gent Art Fair, Gent (B) *
Lausanne Art Fair, Lausanne (CH) *
Contemporary Art Fair Paris (FR) *

2018, LuxArt Fair, Luxembourg (LUX) *
Art3F, Mulhouse (FR) *
Antwerp Art Fair, Antwerp (B) *
WOPart Fair, Lugano (CH)
Art3F, Cannes (FR) *
Lausanne Art Fair, Lausanne (CH) *
SetUp, Bologna (IT)
Art3F, Paris (FR) *

2017, LuxArt Fair, Luxembourg (LUX) *
Art3F, Mulhouse (FR) *
Budapest Art Market, Budapest (H)
Antwerp Art Fair, Antwerp (B) *
DonostiARTean, San Sebastian (E) *
Lausanne Art Fair, Lausanne (CH) *

Solo Shows

2019,
Jeux Louches (+ P.Loschi), A100Gallery, Galatina LE (IT)
'FONTproject' (Effimera #1)/MG Pars, 'Galerie L'Aiguillage, Paris (FR) **
'Si Jioka In Casa', Spazio SantaSofia27, Milano (IT)
'Logo Comune', GigiRigliacoGallery, Galatina LE (IT)

2018,
'Mostra Personale all'insaputa del Gallerista (in modo da non dargli nulla in caso di vendita'
Project Space Salento, Nardò LE (IT)

2017,
'The nature of my game', MostArt Centre, London (UK)
'Probabilmente dio e' una donna', Galleria Gallerati, Roma (IT)
'War is never the solution' (+Salvatore Masciullo), Cutrofiano LE (IT)

2016,

Group Shows

2019
GigiRigliacoGallery, Galatina LE (IT)
Project Space Salento, Nardò LE (IT)
Palazzo Ducale, Martina Franca BR +
Castello Normanno Svevo, Mesagne BR +
Palazzo Tanzarella, Ostuni BR (IT)
Galerie Etienne de Causans, Paris (FR) **
Coningsby Gallery, London (UK) **

2018
Galerie Etienne de Causans, Paris (FR) **
GigiRigliacoGallery, Galatina LE (IT)
Project Space Salento, Nardò LE (IT)
Spazio CLEM, Lecce (IT)
Casa Museo Tadini, Milano (IT) **

2017
Museo Civico Pietro Cavoti, Galatina LE (IT)
Castello P. Risolo, Specchia LE (IT)
Hotel Villa La Floridiana, Capri NA (IT) **
Castel Dell'Ovo, Napoli (IT)

PaviArt, Pavia (IT) *
 Affordable Art Fair, Milano (IT) *
 Art3F, Paris (FR) *
 SetUp, Bologna (IT) *

2016, LuxArt Fair, Luxembourg (LUX) *
 ST.ART, Strasbourg (FR) *
 AffordableArt Fair,Amsterdam (NL) *
 Art3F, Nice (FR)
 SWAB Art Fair, Barcelona (ESP)
 DonostiARTEan,San Sebastian(ESP)*
 Affordable Art Fair, Milano (IT)
 Art3F, Paris (FR) *
 SetUp, Bologna (IT)

2015, ST.ART, Strasbourg (FR) *
 The Others, Torino (IT)
 Affordable Art Fair, Amsterdam (NL) *
 Art3F, Nice (FR) *
 ArtMonaco15, MonteCarlo (MN) *
 Napoli Arte Fiera, Napoli (IT) *
 Art3F, Lyon (FR) *
 Affordable Art Fair, Milano (IT)
 SetUp, Bologna (IT)

2014, Art3F, Mulhouse (FR) *
 ST.ART, Strasbourg (FR) *
 Art3F, Nice (FR) *
 Affordable Art Fair, Stockholm (SVE) *
 Art3G, Bordeaux (FR) *
 Le Sm'Art, Aix En Provence (FR) *
 ArtMonaco14, MonteCarlo (MN) *
 Affordable Art Fair, Milano (IT)
 Art3F, Nantes (FR) *
 ArtGent, Gent (B) *

2013, Art3F, Mulhouse (FR) *
 ST.ART, Strasbourg (FR) *
 Affordable Art Fair, Amsterdam (NL) *
 SWAB Art Fair, Barcelona (ESP)
 Affordable Art Fair, Stockholm (SVE) *
 Art Of The Prom, Nice (FR) *
 Le Sm'Art, Aix En Provence (FR) *
 ArtMonaco13, MonteCarlo (MN) *
 Affordable Art Fair, Milano (IT)
 Expo Arte, Bari (IT)
 Cheap Low Cost Art Fair, Galatina LE (IT)

2012, Affordable Art Fair, Roma (IT)
 KunStart 12, Bolzano (IT)
 Affordable Art Fair, Milano (IT)

2011,Contemporanea-LecceArredo,Lecce (IT)
 Contemporanea-LecceArredo,Galatina LE (IT)
 Affordable Art Fair, Milano (IT)

2010,Contemporanea-LecceArredo,Lecce (IT)
 Contemporanea-LecceArredo,Galatina LE (IT)

'G15 Show, P.Art,Palazzo Cultura, Galatina LE (IT)

2015,
'Damiano & Co Ltd', Fridartcafé, Ostuni BR (IT)

2014,
'Fontanaf, lo, Te E Puccia', Art and Ars Gallery,
 Galatina LE (IT)
'Tetris', Spazio Purgatorio, Ostuni BR (IT)
'Jioki Loschi' (+ P.Loschi), Dacia Gallery, New York
 City (USA)
'Jioki Loschi Preview' (+ P.Loschi), Art and Ars
 Gallery, Galatina LE (IT)
'il faut jouer pour devenir sérieux', Monteoliveto
 Gallery, Nice (FR) **
'faccio la mia minchia a pezzi e la vendo all'asta'
 (featM.Manieri), FondoVerri, Lecce (IT)

2013,
'La prossima volta devo stare piu' attento', G Lab,
 Campi S.na LE (IT)
*'un analgesico per l'emicrania, una coppia di dadi e
 le mie pantofole blu sono tutto cio' di cui adesso ho
 bisogno'*, P.Art, Palazzo Cultura, Galatina LE (IT)

2010,
'Che il jioko sia con te', Officine Cantelmo, Lecce
 (IT)

2009,
'Red-ink', Art and Ars Gallery, Galatina LE (IT)

2008,
'Il paese dei balocchi', Galleria Gallerati, Roma (IT)
'Jiokonde in schlafanzug vs eco-invaders', Galleria
 Kud Laterna, Cromali (SLO)
'Ne ljubijo vsi jiokonde, ampak vsi bi jo radi imeli'
 Palazzo Kongresni, Ljubljana (SLO)

2007,
'Jioka come puoi', Palazzo Micheli, Galatina LE (IT)

2006,
'Les jeux sont faits', Libreria Kube, Gallipoli LE (IT)
'D'oppio Jioko', Raggio Verde, Lecce (IT)

2000,
'Gente comune con un cerchio alla testa', Libreria
 Camera A Sud, Brindisi (IT)

1994,
'Disordine sociale organizzato', Arcinova, San Pietro
 Vernotico BR (IT)

Masseria Tre Pietre, Galatone LE (IT)
 Masseria Ospitale, Lecce (IT)
 Amarcord, Galatina LE (IT)
 MAAAC 'Museo Arte Moderna Area
 Archeologica', Cisternino BR (IT)
 Coningsby Gallery. London (UK) **
 Museo Civico, Ostuni BR (IT)

2016
 Art and Ars Gallery, Galatina LE (IT)
 Galerie Etienne de Causans, Paris (FR) **
 Palazzo Mozzagrugno, Lucera FG (IT)
 Cineteatro Impero, Campomarino Maruggio
 TA (IT)
 Galleria Gallerati, Roma (IT)
 Palazzo San Giuseppe ex Museo Pino
 Pascali, Polignano BA (IT)
 Coningsby Gallery. London (UK) **
 Galerie Etienne de Causans, Paris (FR) **

2015
 Art and Ars Gallery, Galatina LE (IT)
 Galleria Gallerati, Roma (IT)
 Galerie Etienne de Causans, Paris (FR) **
 Wellness Store Jacuzzi, Lecce (IT)
 Spazio Tadini, Milano (IT) **
 centro storico, Galatina LE (IT)
 Spazio HI-Tech Crackingartgroup, Milano (IT)
 Museo Antichi Forni, Macerata (IT)
 Art and Ars Gallery, Galatina LE (IT)

2014
 Peoples's Academy of P.C.H. and Cont.Art,
 Antikyra in Boetia (GR)
 Cortile Del Maglio, Torino (IT)

2013
 Art and Ars Gallery, Galatina LE (IT)
 Galleria Francesco Foresta, Lecce (IT)
 Studio D'Ar, Milano (IT)
 GalleriaMonteoliveto, Nice (FR)
 Chemin De La Chèvre D'Or, Biot (FR) **
 Galleria Gallerati, Roma (IT)
 Convento delle Monacelle, Ostuni BR (IT)
 Art and Ars Gallery, Galatina LE (IT)
 Galleria RossoContemporaneo, Taranto (IT)

2012
 P.Art, Palazzo Della Cultura, Galatina LE (IT)
 Le Mosche Contemporary, Palo Colle BA (IT)
 Galleria Del Catapano, Bari (IT)
 Art and Ars Gallery, Galatina LE (IT)
 Galleria RossoContemporaneo, Taranto (IT)

2011
 Vagabond Gallery, Berlin (DE)
 Convento Domenicani, Muro Leccese LE (IT)
 Monastero Degli Olivetani, Lecce (IT)
 Museo Gavoti, Galatina LE (IT)
 Art and Ars Gallery, Galatina LE (IT)
 Masseria Bernardini, Nardò LE (IT)
 Convento Francescano, Veglie LE (IT)
 Novembre Arr, Lecce (IT)
 Rogue Space Gallery, New York (USA)