

PRESS RELEASE

Barbara Duran - *Passages*

Rome, Studio Urbana, via Urbana 110 from April 14th and 16th 2015, h. 16-20 and by appointment

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Barbara Duran presents the **Passages** project at Studio Urbana, Rome, in collaboration with Galerie Metanoia, Paris. Large and medium format oil paintings on panel, mixed media on paper and video, exhibited in Paris in October 2013, complemented by new works and with the projection of the video 'Meduses', produced and created by the artist.

Renato Miracco, art curator and cultural attaché at the Italian Embassy in Washington, writes in the catalog: (...) "*Contemporary art no longer invites us to the aesthetic dimension of the gaze, but to the vertigo of the ever-changing image. And this which can appear only theory, in Duran's production is one of the peculiarities with a new opening to new formulas, as well as with a more current reading of aesthetic canons by exploiting an unprecedented liberation of shapes, colors, aesthetic concepts, through anthropological mixing of all cultures and all styles. In addition, there is that drive towards "transcendence" which today takes on a much wider value and meaning including the fascination for fiction, for the creation of imaginary worlds in which the visitor enters dragged by the senses.*" (...)

Marc Higonnet, director of Galerie Metanoia, writes in the catalog: (...) "*In her autobiographical exhibition of Barbara Duran, she makes us relive the three months following the loss of her mother. But Passages is not a sad exhibition, on the contrary it is a real story in images (...) where one discovers how the death of a mother gradually becomes a fixed point and sign in the unfolding of life (...) an initiatory journey into which the artist thought he was accompanying his mother but where, in reality, she was instead led by her mother.*" (...)

Barbara Duran, an artist of Italian origin, is a painter, videomaker and professor of art. About her have written, among others, Domenico Guzzi, Renato Miracco, Lele Luzzati, Maria Teresa Benedetti, Annelise Alleva, Ruggero Savinio, Marco Bechis, Marc Higonnet. Among his recent solo shows: *Panta rei*, Paris 2014 / *Passages*, Paris 2013 / *Secret Place*, Rome 2012 / *Dimora del tempo*, Rome- Sulmona, 2009 / *Vuelo en reflejo*, Asunción 2007 / *Di Rifesso*, Rome 2007 / *Dicotomie*, Rome, 2004 / *Monads. Landscapes of memory*, Rome 2001.

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