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I. FOREWORD

Between September and October of 2010, while in Bologna, I moved into a new apartment with some close friends. I had just started working as an educator, I was very active with my music projects and I finally had a huge room with a wooden floor and a tree just outside my window. One evening we were talking about future plans with my roommates and I expressed my desire to start painting again, or alternatively I said (joking, I guess) I could explore model shipbuilding. A few days later, I was sent as a substitute in a new workplace, where there was the need to decorate a wall with a large tree for therapeutic purposes to help patients recognize the differences among the four seasons. I said I could try and do it, although I had not painted in years. Suddenly a brush came back into my hands, and model shipbuilding never crossed my mind again. Over the following few days I took out my old easel, checked which colors were still usable and bought a few new canvas.

Since then, painting has had a very strong impact in my life, and for the best. Probably I've always known it would happen, yet at times I guess I was delaying its coming back, while others it simply didn't work out. But since its return, it hasn't gone away, and this book is the result of it.

Decade has gone through a lot of rethinking. The initial idea to include all the works from these ten years of painting soon turned out to be non-sense. Moreover, photographic material from the first years was not substantial and series on paper included too many works, forcing me to limit

their selection. As for the main body of canvas works, I proceeded including all the most recent paintings, plus a selection of those more distant in time. I also planned to write a more descriptive introduction for each painting series, but I soon realized that I was starting to speak for them, something I never wanted to do. Therefore, all texts are limited to a few notes about their timeline, materials and occasionally some curiosities.

The catalog will not be accompanied by any critical text or commentary and the only insights are confined to an informal dialogue about painting I had with a friend. This is therefore a book of images.

I hope that Decade will be of interest to those who already know my works and to those who are discovering them for the first time. I am sure that shrinking more than ten years of painting in such a small space will also help me imagine and formulate those to come.

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Paintings are reported as follows:

TITLE technique SIZE (cm.) YEAR (Location) Pc. stands for Private Collection

II. IMAGO 2019-2021

imāgō f (genitive imāginis) image, imitation, likeness, statue, representation ancestral image, ghost, apparition, appearance, shadow, echo

Painted between 2019 and early 2021, this collection brings together about 60 works that further develop what was done in the previous three years with the Chimere series. In simple words I would describe the process as the arrival of a gust of wind on the painting surface of what done previously: you're trying to keep the pieces and the overall balance together, while some forces act in the opposite direction. You have to give up on something, and let some elements go. What's left is essential and needs to be rearranged differently to find a new shape and reach its narrative completeness.

































































III. HIDDEN CITIES

2016-ongoing

"Ogni città riceve la sua forma dal deserto a cui si oppone." (Each city receives its shape from the desert it opposes.) Le Città Invisibili - Italo Calvino

Started in 2016 and still in full progress, this collection takes its name from a chapter of Italo Calvino's book "The Invisible Cities". Casually reading it again while I was working on the first paintings of this series, some of its sentences suggested me how to develop and add coherence to these works, giving me an interesting key to understand better what I was trying to do. In particular, the phrase quoted above, and the dichotomy it expresses, between two entities in dialogue and conflict, remains the main theme of these paintings.

















UR (HC 43) mixed media on canvas 130x155 2021 (Pc. Freudenstadt DE)

































ATLANTIS (HC 0) mixed media on canvas 44x93 2016

IV. MASQUERADE 2019-ongoing

The Masquerade series is quite recent and still in progress. In some ways it is a return to the structures and elements of the Dyssomnia cycle, but with a different approach to composition and structure. In addition to the evident use of a broader chromatic palette (and to the return of oil as the main medium), after many years something more directly human related re-emerges on the canvas, both in the imagery and in titles, and yet without becoming figurative painting.

And maybe some Masquerade works are the first done without worrying about showing on the canvas a touch of irony.













































V. CHIMERE 2017-2019

Chimera

- 1. Mythological creature with a lion's head and body, a goat's head on its back and a snake's tail, also bearing a head. It is portrayed in ancient art while spitting fire and is considered to be the physical embodiment of destructive forces.
- 2. An unfounded idea, a vain dream, fantasy, utopia: chasing chimeras.

Chasing these chimeras has been my main concern from 2017 to 2019, yet the first attempts to shape the series date back to 2015. Its first works were exhibited in October 2017 during the homonymous exhibition held at Palazzo SS. Salvatore in San Giovanni in Persiceto (BO), while its mature period is conveyed almost entirely in the December 2018 "Discanto" exhibition at Gallery 212 in Bologna.

The Chimere collection includes 52 works made in the span of three years. It came to its conclusion at the end of 2019 with the painting Alter Ego, and part of its visual research continued with the successive Imago series.













SAMARKANDA mixed media on canvas 104x95 2018 (Pc. Pianoro IT)





































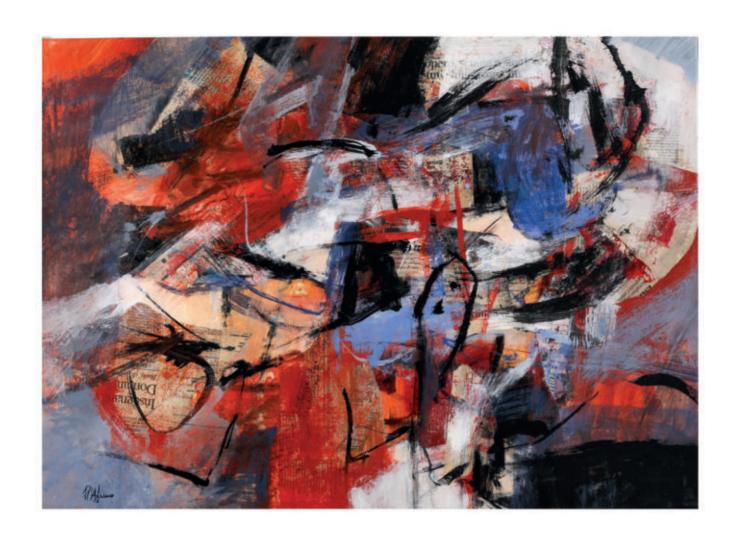
















ALTER EGO mixed media on canvas 100x90 2019 (Pc. Barbezieux St. Hilaire FR)

VI. MIKROKOSMOS 2015-2017

Mikrokosmos is a collection of 153 small paintings started in 2015 and concluded in 2017. The whole collection is inspired by and dedicated to the hungarian composer and pianist Béla Bartòk (1881-1945). Within his vast musical production, between 1926 and 1939 he composed 153 short pieces for piano, collected all together under the name of Mikrokosmos (BB105).

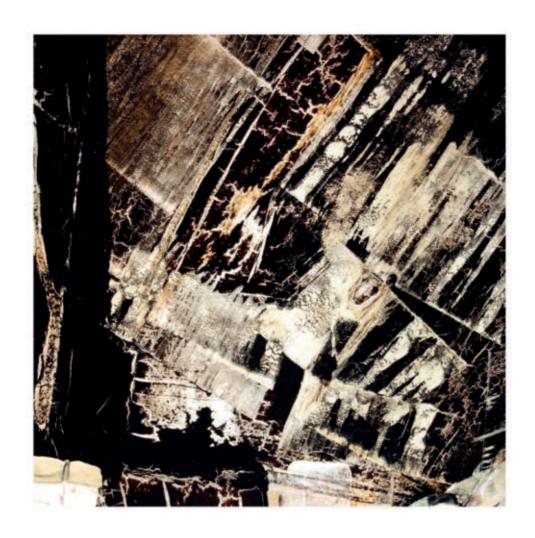
All the works in the series are painted on paper and use the same technique, a mixture of enamel, bitumen, oil, acrylics and gesso, which therefore will just be reported as *mixed media*.

Only a minor selection of the entire series is featured in the following pages.









































VII. MANIFESTI 2021-ongoing

"Alle risorse esauste, alle altre informi e mute della piena natura, alle somme indicibili, te stesso aggiungi, in gioia, e annienta il numero." R.M. Rilke

The most recent of all the series collected here, Manifesti further expands the path undertaken years ago with Chimere first and Imago later. In the years to come it will have the role of discovering and completing this journey, achieving its final manifestation.





























VIII. A DIALOGUE ABOUT PAINTING

My studio is in a small town, so visits are rather rare and I do nothing to encourage them. Yet sometimes painting can create an unexpected link with a special person, and that's what happened with Maria. Between her work abroad and the movement restrictions imposed in the last year, we had very few opportunities to meet, but not knowing each other before gave us the privilege to talk starting from scratch. We have therefore decided to organize part of our conversations in the following dialogue about painting.

M: When did you start painting? Did you grow up among artists in your family and this lead you to painting or did you take this path autonomously?

F: When I was just a kid I must have shown some ability in drawing or at least that I enjoyed it and when I was about 10 years old my parents signed me up for taking private classes with a roman painter who lived in Termoli. I attended those for approximately 4 years. There were other alumni, every one of them had a different approach towards painting and it was a rather special place, considering the time we were in. We used to paint landscapes, stormy seas and sometimes portraits. I can't remember exactly how her way of teaching was, but certainly Elda had an energetic painting with absolutely no fear of getting her hands dirty or to squeeze color tubes, and probably this is the most important lesson she gave me. Together with the memories of the smell, the lights and sounds in those rooms, which are unforgettable. When I started high school though, I put painting on the side and I chose a different path. I quit the painting classes and from then on painting has gone through cyclic periods of long absence and quick enthusiastic presence in my life, these last ones subject to frustration due to lack of continuity and space. This went on until 2010, when all the pieces fell in the right place and I finally started again to paint.

There was an event though which had happened a long time before, where I think I had some sort of imprinting. When I was very young, my parents brought me with them to meet my mums uncle, a Franciscan monk with a very long beard who lived in a small monastery in Tuscany. He gave me a box with oil colors as a gift. When we came back home, they put these colors away from me on a high shelf, probably considering them potentially "dangerous" for a small kid. When I was alone at home, I used to climb on a chair to get to the colors, open them, touch and smell them. I found them wonderful and mysterious. To be honest, this feeling in me never changed since then; the only difference is that now I don't have to keep it as a secret.

M:Which artists mostly inspired your painting experience?

F: Some artists' work deeply touches me, with a mixed feeling of pleasure and restlessness, which often translates into the need of painting. Among many, I would name Burri, Afro, Sironi, Boccioni, De Kooning, Marca-Relli. Their influence is clear and manifold, with a direct connection to my work. Yet it's probably from music that I get the stronger influence. What I try to do comes from the translation of the formal values of both languages, their reciprocal impact, their dialog. Therefore, composers like Bartok, Shostakovich, Bach, Stravinskij, Scelsi, Kodaly, Penderecki, Coltrane and many others have a great influence on me, together with other roles, such as writers, photographers, film directors, etc. It's not only the final shape of

their work which drives my choices, but the way they created and solved problems in their disciplines. These are the more obvious and immediate links that come to my mind. Yet I believe that the visual imaginary that I unavoidably draw on was generated a long time ago, with strong influences that often don't even have a name. For example, I'm thinking about the lights and shapes of the city I grew up in, Termoli, or the dark colors of the anime that populated my childhood. Music album covers, comics, games, books. I have one right now right here, which I recently found in my parents' house: it's called "Gli Dei Sulla Terra" (Gods on Earth), a book halfway between history and mythology, it has terribly dark and tough images, ferrous tints, vague and unclear backgrounds. Flipping through it now, thirty years later, I understand how much I owe to its author.

M: Would you say that you had an epiphany at some point in your life, staring at a painting or listening to a certain song?

F: Yes, I feel like it happens all the times, even if with different intensity. The strongest and rarest ones mark you forever and can generate deep changes in you. Both with painting and music, there is this moment when everything converges and unfolds in a perfect way, becomes all-embracing and looks clear and right, full and harmonic. It's like things are happening on their own and you become at the same time actor and spectator of something that appears much wider than you. Is this an epiphany? I guess so. You can try to facilitate it or set particular circumstances to welcome it, but there is no specific formula able to evoke it. When it happens meeting someone else's work, then the epiphany leaves you breathless. Talking about painting, I immediately think about the "Ex seccatoi" (ex tobacco dryers) in Città di Castello which host numerous Burri cycles, some paintings by Boccioni I saw at MOMA, or the first time I stared at a painting by Afro. For the music the list would be extremely long. Their tragic beauty changes you forever, since it allows you to see or listen to something that you probably already felt but you never experienced through such a strong manifestation.

M: Where does the idea of a painting come from? How would you describe the process of creation of a painting?

F: I don't think that behind the making of my paintings there is an idea in a broad sense. It's always very specific, painting related. Seen from the outside, maybe the whole process can be summarized with an alternation of moments of inclusion and exclusion. An empty canvas gives you such a wide spectrum of possibilities that the first step is to exclude some of them. Actually, choosing the painting dimensions and the canvas material already goes in that direction. Typically my paintings develop in cycles and series and choosing which one to

expand is another important defining element, and represents more than one choice happening in one place. Then, when the brush touches the canvas for the first time, the inclusive process takes over and the real conversation among the different parts begins. This goes on until I can find an equilibrium. Which can persist. Which doesn't ask for new elements nor to exclude some of those it already has. It's then that the dialog ends and the painting is done. I typically give myself a couple of days to understand if I judged too quickly and the dialog is not actually over. To be honest, during the past years I realized that my strongest paintings are often those which hide beneath their surface one or even more failures. Overturning a painting gives you a strong feeling of freedom and at the same time offers you a consistent amount of raw material to begin with, I would say it is an ideal condition. In only a few cases the painting reaches completion quickly and without obstacles. When it happens, I feel like a wall builds up between us, like it materialized out of nowhere, and any revision seems almost impossible. Giving yourself rules encourages the process of painting, instead of confining it, as you would maybe think. These rules and directions are not provided by someone else -only partially by the people that came before you-but part of the game is making your own. And fine-tuning the rules makes the game more interesting.

M: Which materials do you prefer for your work?

F: Thinking about the word paint my mind goes to the brilliance and smell of the oil paint, probably like most people. Rarely though I make a painting entirely out of oil colors, since some of their features don't lend themselves to the creation of a painting the way I want. Through the years, I investigated many different mediums from the painting tradition, searching for the perfect one for my needs. The conclusion I came to is that there isn't one unique that can fit all. The solution is then to decide painting by painting, based on their progress, choosing what to use and preparing the appropriate colors starting from the powder pigments. This process never bores me. It has something both playful and transcendental in it, which makes me feel at the roots of the painting process. Don't get me wrong, I have nothing against the classic oil and acrylic tubes, I still use them daily, but rarely they are protagonists in a painting. Another aspect that influences the choice of the material is its smell and its consistency. For instance acrylic painting looks and smells quite aseptic and impersonal to me. Oils instead, with all their auxiliaries and varnishes, awakens all my senses.

M: Do you find that some aspects of your personality are shown in your paintings?

F: This is something I have never thought about before your question. Which makes me wonder which aspects are more evident and which hidden.

M: You previously said you are fascinated by gloomy colors, maybe that's symbol of an introvert attitude. In addition, looking at the clear trait of the brush on your paintings one could think of an impulsive personality. Is that the case?

F: Before answering to this question, I searched once again for the definition of "introvert", I was a bit skeptical to be honest. Indeed in the examples of jobs or activities typically performed by "introvert" personalities the first word that comes out is *painter*, there has to be a reason then. Though, I believe that spending some time doing things on your own is simply human and I find it also terribly healthy. In the years, in order to better use my time, I became more selective towards what surrounds me, trying to avoid everything that is extremely repetitious or that leaves me indifferent. Eventually, I would see painting as an incredibly extrovert practice, or at least its outcome if not the act itself. In fact as a painter you give to the external world, and in a permanent way (at least on human scale), something that's part of you, your way of reorganizing what happens around you, your memories, experiences, desires. There is always a certain inclination to the outside and to the others, and the willingness to share, even when it happens through enigmas or subtle hints.

Regarding the other aspect you mentioned, I think my paintings are actually more impulsive than I am, when I am away from the easel. Yet that black line that all of a sudden falls on the canvas, without second thoughts or possibility of return, is actually the outcome of a fast analysis of shapes, spaces and ratios, more than the result of an impulsive and uncontrolled action. It is difficult to translate it into words or numbers, and seen from the outside it can be easily mistaken for an impulsive and instinctive behavior.

You also brought up the fact that I seem attracted to gloomy colors. I do find that this wide spectrum of more undefined elements, in painting as in music, cinema, photography etc. leaves more room for imagination. They bring with them a certain intensity, ambiguity and mystery. And with tension it comes the motion towards something, a transformation and, why not, an end.

M: Is there an implicit message you want to communicate with your paintings, or do you focus mainly on their aesthetic impact?

F: I cannot split these two aspects, and I don't question whether it is possible to do so. Every painting mark brings with it an aesthetic experience and the building of a meaning. I see this as a *storytelling*. Therefore, I ensure that the painting brings with it its own story. Then a single painting can be even part of a greater story, together with other paintings. This determines what is going to appear on the canvas, and in which way.

M: Do you think that making series of paintings with the same subject helps the storytelling, like they were chapters of a book?

F: Yes, this is an essential aspect. Collecting the paintings in series allows me to work more easily, it gives me a direction, avoids a painting from falling apart in the effort of including too many different elements together in it. In such way I focus on making each one have its own peculiarity inside a bigger picture. Differently from the chapter of a book, each painting needs to have its own features which make it also independent from the others, and it should not need a summary or introduction in order to be read, nothing should speak in its place. I believe the subject which goes through all of this is actually the painting process itself, a certain way to make it.

M: Do you ever change your mind while creating a painting, and then change the direction to its completion?

F: Yes, it happens all the time and I find it very rewarding, even if at first sight the change seems to have undone days of work. In painting, you can modify or even reverse what you just did without having to answer to anybody else but you. You don't have to explain yourself and you don't need anybody else's approval. You don't need any other specialists' help to finalize your work, and I see it as a big privilege. Of course there is the risk of tossing and turning endlessly and find yourself stuck, compared to working with other people. Keeping yourself open to any external stimuli and be very critical with yourself is crucial.

On the other side, there is no undo button to press which could bring you back in time. You cannot simply delete what you just did. You cannot create different trial versions of your final image and then pick the one that most appeals to you. There are always traces of what has been done before on a painting, even if you decide to restart from zero applying a white coat on the canvas. This aspect distinguishes painting for example from music composition, where in the final work you cannot listen to any erasing.

Going back to your question, in order to fully enjoy the act of painting, I prefer to not plan everything that is going to happen next on the canvas. It doesn't mean you proceed blindly, but rather build and redefine step by step your work. I don't want to get rid of the traces of this dialog, I try to make them part of the story, in order to show what it could have been but wasn't, signs of the unforeseen and the unavoidable.

M: What are your future plans? Are you planning to host exhibitions in Italy/abroad or are you mainly focusing on online exhibitions?

F: Currently, with the pandemic going on, it's quite impossible to make any plans. I consider myself lucky to be able to keep my work life busy right now and, whether I wanted it or not, I have never painted as much as I did in 2020. I recently moved to a new studio, with more space and perfect for my needs, it is what I wanted for a long time. It represents a milestone and still needs to be fully organized. Meanwhile I hope the world will be back to some sort of normality and I will be then back on track, ready to plan future exhibitions. I would love to bring abroad something like Discanto, an exhibition hold in Bologna in 2018, where I could take care of every detail. I would also like to make a short film about the sounds of painting in 2021, and the new studio would be the perfect location. I know I still want to search and find new paintings. I never had the resources and the awareness that I have now, so I know they are going to happen, it's just a matter of time.



IX. SIMULACRA 2013-ongoing

"...that there exist those somewhat which we call the images of things: these, like to films scaled off the utmost outside of the things, flit hither and thither through the atmosphere, and the same terrify our intellects, coming upon us waking or in sleep, when off we peer at wonderful strange shapes and images of people lorn of light, which off have horribly roused us when we lay in slumber..."

Unlike other series in this catalogue, Simulacra collects works that are quite different from each other and that embrace a wide period of time. Within it there are paintings that remained isolated episodes and others that are the first steps toward the development of future series. Then again some of them suggested no further investigation while on some others I promised to return at some point.

Among materials, compositions and structures, what they have in common is that at the time of their making they were all adding some relevant elements to the whole picture.

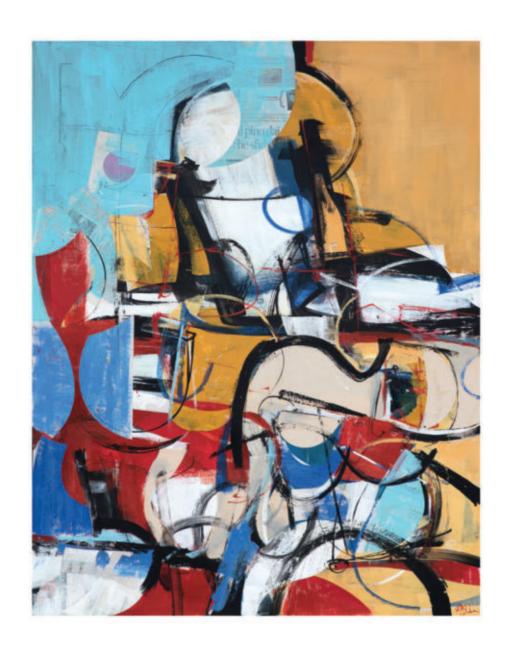






































X. GREYS 2018-ongoing

Grey is a word we are all familiar with. It's not uncommon to use it with a qualitative implication, and in most cases a negative one, a lack of something. A grey sky would be one which has been deprived of an element, the color, and all that implies. So, often grey comes as an absence. An absence that brings another implication, that of temporariness. And perhaps this makes it more bearable and in some cases we can also take advantage of it, namely because of its momentary condition. Yet there are cases in which the absence tends to extend itself. The grey is structured so solidly that it seems to lose its temporariness and the relationships between absence and presence appears reversed. The wait for a change seems vain, unsustainable. With a grey like that, one must come to terms, reformulate a coexistence of some kind. The paintings in this series seek such a dialogue.

For some years now, in the place where I moved to, I have come to know a different kind of grey. It shows up between October and early November and doesn't leave until late March. During this period colors disappear, shadows and volumes fade and distances become vague. Shapes lose their contours, and the only lights that can be seen are artificial: cars, store signs, gas stations. And this entire indefinite theater seems to be connected by thin black lines, electricity cables that link every object before getting lost in the fog.

The paintings in this series are not an abstraction of the Emilian winter landscape. But for sure they are its result, and maybe a reaction to it. Grey is a much more complex and inscrutable sphere than simply combining black and white in different mixtures. Grey can be a doubt, a mystery, perhaps even a crisis. Grey can be density, even when veiled. Grey can reward you by revealing the fundamental structure of things.











GREY 9 acrovinilico and paper on cardboard 50x65 2020 (Pc. Hong Kong)



























XI. LIMBIC 2015-2016

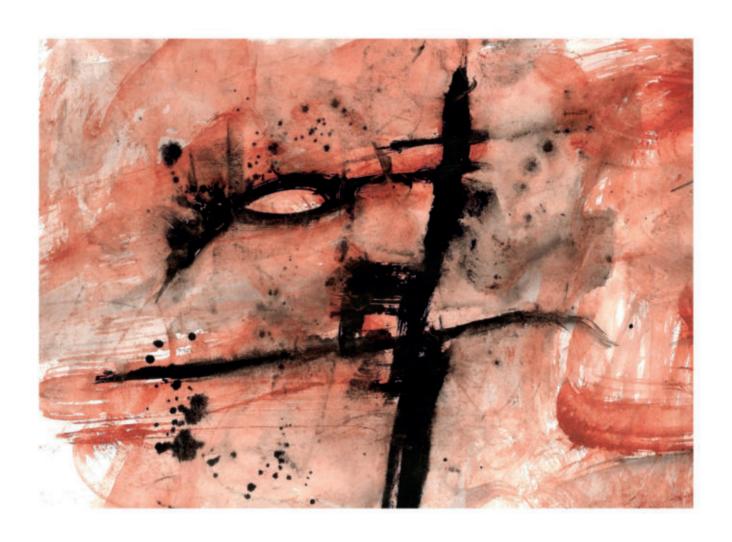
"Oscura e profonda era e nebulosa tanto che, per ficcar lo viso a fondo, io non vi discernea alcuna cosa. «Or discendiam qua giù nel cieco mondo», cominciò il poeta tutto smorto. «Io sarò primo, e tu sarai secondo». Dante, Inferno – Canto IV

Painted between 2015 and 2016, these works are a direct consequence of what was done previously with the Monodie. All Limbic works are made in gouache on paper and usually on small size. The name of the series refers both to the *Limbo* of our cultural tradition and to the Limbic System as outlined in Neuroscience.

A small selection of the entire series is shown on the following pages.











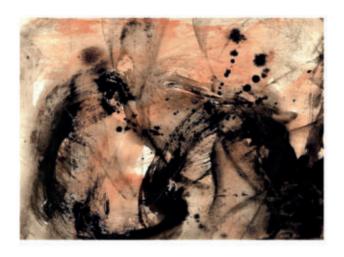




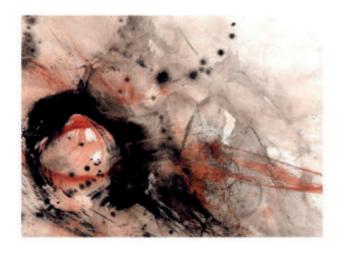


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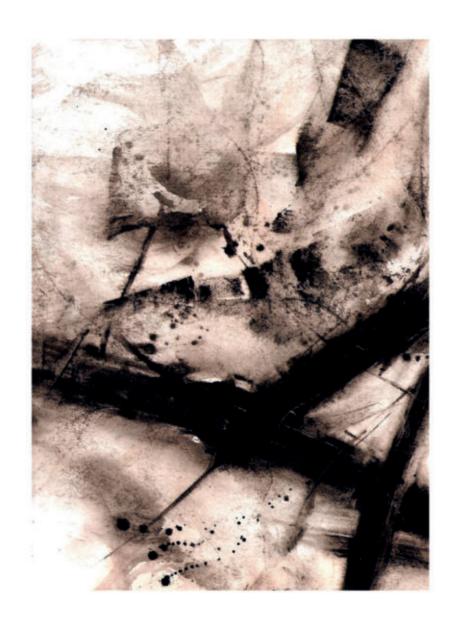






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LIMBIC gouache on paper 13x18 2015 (Pc. Montréal CA)



LIMBIC gouache on paper 20x30 2015 (Pc. Worms DE)





XII. MONODIE & MELODIE

Both series collect hundreds of works on paper made over the years. The Monodie, mainly monochromatic, all come from 2013/2014 and are made with gouache. On the other hand, the Melodie works and their variations see the use of inks and watercolors and they've been following me since 2017.

It's from these works that everything else generated. And I wouldn't exclude that perhaps at some point everything will go back to them































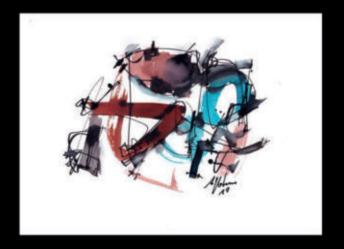


























"I am the rest between two notes, which are somehow always in discord because Death's note wants to climb over—but in the dark interval, reconciled, they stay there trembling.

And the song goes on, beautiful."

R.M. Rilke

The first real series to be structured starting in 2013, with alternate periods and undergoing various transformations over time it is still occurring. Born as a desire to create a dialogue between musical and painting formal values, its name is however connected to the urgency and the need to paint during those early years, when the little time available often relegated the painting activity to night hours.

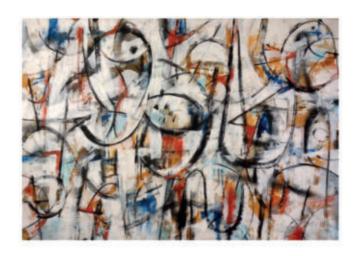
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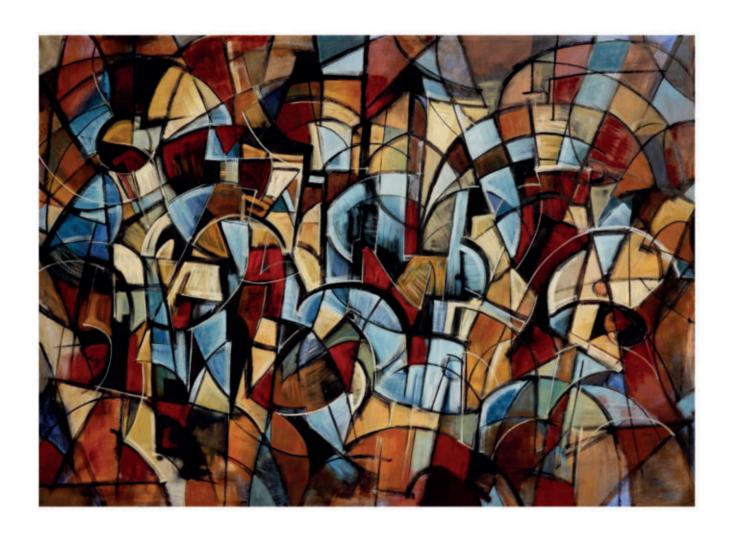












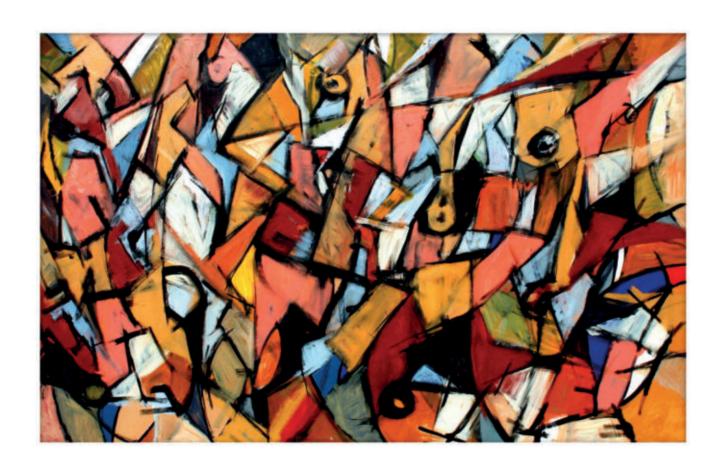
















XIV. APPENDIX

This volume was also meant to provide a reference catalogue for my works. In the following pages most of them from the latest series are shown in a synthetic format. A more complete archive, which also includes collections not found here, is available online.

A brief list of past exhibitions completes the appendix.



I. IMAGO









TELA NUDA 100x130 2020 (Pc. Lisbon PT)
FADING 80x130 2020 (Pc. St. Pölten AT)
MOMENTUM 100x120 2019 (Pc. Portland US)
GARISENDA 90x100 2019 (Pc. New York US)









LUNA STORTA 90x120 2020 (Pc. Sydney AU)

APPESI AD UN FILO 95x200 2020 (Pc. Downers Grove US)

GARDEN OF THE HESPERIDES 120x150 2019 (Pc. Singapore SG)

INTREPIDO 50x60 2019 (Pc. Bad Vilbel DE)









SAPPHIRE 37x48 2020 (Pc. Klagenfurt AT)
QUADRANTE 80x80 2019
POZZO DEI DESIDERI 60x80 2020 (Pc. Wien AT)
CARIDDI 55x70 2019 (Pc. King Williams US)









HORIZON 100x120 2020 (Pc. Basel CH)
TRAMONTANA 90X100 2020 (Pc. Amsterdam NL)
PARTITURA 70x90 2020 (Pc. St. Maurice FR)
LAST CHAPTER 90x100 2020 (Pc. Villars-sur-Glâne CH)









ARCO 20x30 2020 (Pc. Schwalmstadt DE)
COEVAL 90x130 2020 (Pc. Rancho Palos Verdes US)
MINIATURA 35x65 2020
ZEFIRO 44x68 2020 (Pc. München DE)









WHISPER 120x150 2020 FRAGMENTA 35X50 2020 (Pc. Kawasaki JP) VICOLO CIECO 80x80 2020 (Pc. Bergamo IT) DUETTO 60x80 2021 (Pc. Toronto CA)









II. HIDDEN CITIES









TAXILA (HC 45) 90x120 2021

KAMIROS (HC 40) 100x130 2021 (Pc. Rancho Palos Verdes US)

BAIA (HC 41) 80x130 2021 (Pc. Innsbruck AT)

OBSIDIAN (HC 25) 100x130 2020 (Pc. Bologna IT)









XANADU (HC 47) 90x100 2021 (Pc. Hockenheim DE) TIRO (HC 38) 100x150 2020 (Pc. Bertare BE) LACEDAEMON (HC 35) 100x140 2020 (Pc. Hong Kong) TARSIS (HC 37) 80x110 2020 (Pc. Portland US)









NAOS (HC 18) 67x112 2019 (Pc. Guernsey UK)
HIDDEN CITIES 23 70x100 2019 (Pc. Wayne US)
LEPANTO 80x100 2018 (Pc. Brussels BE)
HIDDEN CITIES 8 50x70 2017 (Pc. San Giovanni in Persiceto IT)









HIDDEN CITIES 20 80x130 2019 (Pc. Amsterdam NL) HIDDEN CITIES 19 90x140 2019 (Pc. Bologna IT) HIDDEN CITIES 15 70x110 2019 (Pc. Paris FR) HIDDEN CITIES 7 106x150 2016 (Pc. New York US)









SILK ROAD 65x80 2018 (Pc. New York US) HIDDEN CITIES 14 80x130 2019 (Pc. Radda in Chianti IT) MAREA (HC 24) 100x150 2019 (Pc. Coral Glabes US) HIDDEN CITIES 3 70x135 2016 (Pc. New York US)









NURAXIS (HC 27) 80x90 2020 (Pc. Roma IT) HIDDEN CITIES 13 100x130 2018 (Pc. Termoli IT) HIDDEN CITIES 6 90x150 2017 (Pc. Munich DE) PALUSTRE 30x60 2016 (Pc. Devon UK)









PORTO SEPOLTO 1 70x100 2017 (Pc. Tokyo JP) DECLINARE 1 80x80 2017 (Pc. Viareggio IT) THE JOURNEY 74x108 2019 (Pc. Sussargues FR) HIDDEN CITIES 1 82x118 2016 (Pc. Edinburgh UK)









PORTO SEPOLTO 2 70x100 2017 (Pc. Koln DE) DECLINARE 2 80x80 2017 (Pc. Viareggio IT) ORACLE 70x100 2017 (Pc. Rotterdam NL) HIDDEN CITIES 5 56x90 2016 (Pc. London UK)

V. CHIMERE









BELVEDERE 70x100 2018 (Pc. St. Gallen CH)
PONENTE 70x100 2019 (Pc. Busto Arsizio IT)
PRIMA DEL VIAGGIO 59x78 2018 (Pc. Roma IT)
SOLILOQUIO 60X84 2018 (Pc. Bologna IT)









AURORA 80x100 2018 (Pc. Gainesville US)
PER NON DIRTI ADDIO 80x80 2018 (Pc. Jersey City US)
PHOENIX 58x81 2019 (Pc. Luxembourg LU)
GRECALE 60x80 2019 (Pc. Aubergenville FR)









APRIL 40x50 2017 (Pc. Bruxeless BE)

HAZE 70x100 2017 (Pc. Taiwan)

PONTE DEI SOSPIRI 70x100 2017 (Pc. Cesena IT)

PICCOLO GRIGIO 29X38 2018 (Pc. Chicago US)









CADENCE 100x150 2017 (Pc. Los Angeles US)
MORNING STAR 100x115 2019 (Pc. Madrid ES)
RED DREAM 50x70 2017 (Pc. Nauheim DE)
CREPUSCOLARE 85x85 2019 (Pc. Paris FR)

















LA CHIMERA 50x70 2017 (Pc. Milano IT)
CARTHAGO 70x100 2017 (Pc. Pavia IT)
EUTERPE 50x70 2017 (Pc. Chicago US)

VII. MANIFESTI















IX. SIMULA CRA









WINTER KISS 80x116 2016 (Pc. Chicago US)
PAUPERS CRUSADE 99x148 2016 (Pc. Hong Kong)
ENIGMA 40x50 2015 (Pc. Inglewood US)
SARABANDE 57x70 2015 (Pc. Viareggio IT)









DON QUIXOTE 57x70 2016 (Pc. Doha QA) L'ERRANTE 57x88 2015 (Pc. Unknown AT) VILLA DEI MISTERI 77x110 2015 (Pc. Ljubljana SI) ARIADNE 70x100 2017 (Pc. Bad Schussenried DE)









HYPOGEUM 50x70 2017 (Pc. Paris FR)
THE CASTLE 55x85 2016 (Pc. Dubai AE)
PRELUDE 108x142 2015 (Pc. Colorado Springs US)
OEDIPUS REX 90x130 2019 (Pc. Frankfurt DE)





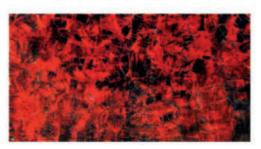




SHIPWRECK 95x108 2015 (Pc. Paris FR)
SUBTERRANEA 62x94 2016
OF A SUNNY DAY 90x100 2015 (Pc. Unknown US)
ASHES 70x108 2015 (Pc. Stenlose DK)







THE HARBOUR 90x160 2014 (Pc. Unknown CA)
DISCORDANTS 4 88x155 2014 (Pc. Brunn Am Gebirge AT)
ADRIFT 110x158 2014 (Pc. Stockholm SE)
INFERNO 90x170 2014 (Pc. Bologna IT)









CASSANDRA 58x120 2014 (Pc. Unknown US)
DISCORDANTS 2 100x190 2014 (Pc. Bologna IT)
WORLD TO COME 50x70 2014 (Pc. New Delhi IN)
FINIS TERRAE 3 80x140 2014 (Pc. Taipei TW)

X. GREYS









GRANDE GRIGIO 3 80x80 2020 (Pc. Marktheidenfeld-Altfeld DE)

GREY 21 30x50 2021 (Pc. Wien AT)

GREY 5 50x65 2018 (Pc. Berlare BE)

GREY 2 50x65 2018 (Pc. Barcelona ES)









GRANDE GRIGIO 4 60x80 2020 (Pc. Taichung TW)
GREY 19 50x65 2021 (Pc. Eschweiler DE)
GREY 4 40x50 2018 (Pc. Regensburg DE)
GREY 1 50x65 2018 (Pc. Hong Kong)









LOOSE ENDS 1 50x65 2018

LOOSE ENDS 2 50x65 2018 (Pc. Barcelona ES)

LOOSE ENDS 3 50x65 2018 (Pc. Hong Kong)

LOOSE ENDS 4 50x65 2018 (Pc. Munchen DE)









 LOOSE ENDS 5
 50x65
 2018 (Pc. Viareggio IT)

 LOOSE ENDS 6
 50x65
 2018 (Pc. Vienna AT)

 LOOSE ENDS 7
 50x65
 2018 (Pc. Stockholm SE)

 LOOSE ENDS 8
 50x65
 2018 (Pc. Mantova IT)

XIII. DYSSOMNIA









CATHEDRAL 100x160 2013 (Pc. Hong Kong)

IGNEO 65x92 2014 (Pc. Houston US)

L'ORGOGLIO 110x160 2014 (Pc. Bologna IT)

IL VOLO 118x170 2014 (Pc. San Giovanni in Persiceto IT)









DYSSOMNIA 1 70x100 2013

NONO 85x190 2014 (Pc. Bologna IT)

LA CREAZIONE 60x100 2014 (Pc. Radda in Chianti IT)

TRACCE DI LUCE 130x195 2016 (Pc. Udine IT)



EXHIBITIONS

2021

IMAGO – virtual solo exhibition Curated by Dobe Group, Sino Italian Design Exchange Center and Comune di Firenze (19 March – 20 April)

2020

AAF Online Art Fair (6-30 November)

AAF Art Fair Milan Superstudio Più, Milan IT (7-9 February)

2019

AAF Art Fair London Battersea Autumn Battersea Park, London UK (17-20 October)

Arte in Studio Curated by ArteMea and Serena Cassissa Studio Castrignano - Milan IT (25 June - 31 December)

La mi porti un bacione a Firenze? Macelleria d'Arte Gallery, St. Gallen CH (21 June – 20 July)

Coolstreet Tour 2019 Via dell'Inferno 22, Bologna IT (17-30 June)

AAF Art Fair Hong Kong HKCEC Wan Chai, Hong Kong (17-19 May)

AAF Art Fair London Hampstead Hampstead Heath, London UK (9-12 May)

Biennale Soliera Castello Campori, Soliera IT (25 April - 1 May) Winner "Giovane Artista" Prize

DYSSOMNIA – Solo exhibition Curated by the Eye Contemporary Art Gallery Muse ArtSpace, Kowloon, Hong Kong (13-26 April) AAF Art Fair Brussels Tour & Taxis, Brussels BE (14-17 March)

AAF Art Fair Milan Superstudio Più, Milano IT (24-27 January)

2018

DISCANTO – Solo exhibition Spazio 212, Bologna IT (8-16 December)

AAF Art Fair Amsterdam Kromhouthal, Amsterdam NL (1-4 November)

AAF Art Fair London Battersea Autumn Battersea Park, London UK (18-21 October)

AAF Art Fair Stockholm Nacka Strandsmässan, Stockholm SE (11-14 October)

Art Bodensee Messe Dornbirn, Austria AT (13-15 July)

AAF Art Fair Hong Kong HKCEC Wan Chai, Hong Kong (18-20 May)

AAF Art Fair London Hampstead Hampstead Heath, London UK (10-13 May)

Harbour Art Fair Kowloon, Hong Kong (23-26 March)

AAF Art Fair Brussels Tour & Taxis, Brussels BE (15-18 March)

Paratissima Bologna Sede IAAD, Bologna IT (2-4 February) AAF Art Fair Milan Superstudio Più, Milano IT (26-28 January)

2017

Trame di Carta – solo exhibition Mondadori Bookstore, Cesena IT (16 December – 14 January)

CHIMERE – solo exhibition Palazzo SS. Salvatore, San Giovanni in Persiceto IT (13-23 October)

AAF Art Fair Stockholm Nacka Strandsmässan, Stockholm SE (12-15 October)

Antwerp Art Fair Antwerp Expo, Antwerp BE (5-8 October)

When Classic meets Rock – solo exhibition Curated by the Eye Contemporary Art Gallery Habitu, Hong Kong (1 March – 30 May)

21º Biennale Nazionale di Pittura Castello Campori, Soliera IT (23 April – 1 May)

Perlarte Loggia della Fornace, Rastignano IT (25 March – 4 April)

Around the World in 7 Days Curated by Great Banyan Art Gallery, New Delhi IN (22-28 March)

AAF Art Fair Brussels Tour & Taxis, Brussels BE (16-20 February)

AAF Art Fair Milano Superstudio Più, Milano IT (9-12 February)

2016

Lux Art Fair LuxExpo, Luxembourg LU (13-16 October) AAF Art Fair Stockholm Nacka Strandsmässan, Stockholm SE (13-16 October)

AAF Art Fair Hong Kong HKCEC, Hong Kong (13-15 May)

2015

MikroKosmos – solo exhibition Moliendo Cafè, Bologna IT (11 December 2015 – 30 April 2016)

Quinta Rassegna di Arte Contemporanea Ca' dei Carraresi, Treviso IT (5-13 September)

Limbico – solo exhibition Black Market Studio, Bologna IT (27 February - 25 March)

Preludi – solo exhibition ArtCity White Night, Artefiera 2015 Laboratorio Sancini, Bologna IT (19-26 January)

2014

Sinestesie – solo exhibition Moliendo Cafè, Bologna (1 October - 30 November 2014)

Dissonante – solo exhibition Der Standard, Bologna IT (2-31 May)

Diffrazioni – solo exhibition ArtCity White Night, Artefiera 2014 Mani di Forbice, Bologna (14-30 January)

