

# ARTE FIERA concludes its 45th edition

Bologna, 15 May 2022 – The 45<sup>th</sup> edition of Arte Fiera, organised by BolognaFiere in the Bologna Fair District, concluded today. Finally in-person again after two years of forced postponement, the third physical edition under the artistic direction of **Simone Menegoi** welcomed over 25,000 visitors.

Arte Fiera greeted its public with an artistic offering of **142 galleries**: 103 in the Main Section and 39 in the curated and invitation sections (Focus, Pittura XXI, Photography and moving images).

Six awards were assigned during Arte Fiera 2022: the ANGAMC Award for outstanding career was assigned to Antonio Tucci Russo; BMPS Collection to Max Frintrop, represented by A+B Gallery, with the work *Unlock Origin* (2021); the Jacobacci&Partners Arte e Progetto Award to the Vistamare Gallery; Rotary Award to Schiavo Zoppelli Gallery; Osvaldo Licini Award by Fainplast to Andrea Barzaghi, represented by Lunetta11 Gallery; The Collectors.Chain di Art Defender Award to Noé Sendas, represented by MC2Gallery, with the work *Old Studio, Sprezzatura III* (2016).

With the generous support of The TRUST for Contemporary Art, which will acquire them for its museum, five new works – two by Riccardo Baruzzi, two by Eva Marisaldi, and one by Serena Vestrucci – will join the collections of MAMbo – Museo d'Arte Moderna di Bologna. They were selected by the TRUST's Public Collections Committee – composed of Sarah Cosulich, Chiara Parisi, and Claudio Spadoni – from among the works of artists represented by the galleries at Arte Fiera 2022, for an investment amounting to 30,000 euros. The TRUST for Contemporary Art, the first of its kind in Italy, created and manages a fund dedicated to contemporary art, based on resources provided by BolognaFiere, Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio in Bologna, and Fondazione del Monte di Bologna e Ravenna, by the principal donor Gruppo Unipol, and by the supporting donor Emil Banca Credito Cooperativo. The following works were acquired: Riccardo Baruzzi, *Tender Red* and *I feel you*, both from 2022 (P420 Gallery); Eva Marisaldi, *Linee*, 2020 and *Three Lines on Depero*, 2019 (De' Foscherari Gallery); Serena Vestrucci, *Batter d'occhio*, 2021 (Renata Fabbri Gallery).

From Friday to the exhibition's conclusion, the **Public Program**, conceived specifically for Arte Fiera 2022, offered moments of consideration, debate, encounter, and surprise, with **Liliana Moro**'s sound installation in the walkway to the fair; the presentations of **Oplà. Performing Activities**, curated by **Silvia Fanti (Xing)** with **Jacopo Benassi**, **Invernomuto**, **Muna Mussie**, and **Luca Trevisani**; the daily appointments of **Book Talk** on recently-published art books; and the **Note di Sguardi** photographic project.

Arte Fiera provided **250 collectors with accommodations** in the city. There was widespread coverage in the **national and regional press** (in print and online) for the general public and for professionals, plus extensive TV and radio exposure. **Social networks** expanded their fan base: **Facebook** reached **53,785 followers** and **Instagram** recorded **27,200 followers**, up **16%** from the previous edition; **total coverage** generated by online actions during the fair alone amounted to **700,000**.





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