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FRANCESCO GENNARI "IL LUOGO DOVE NON C'È PIÙ POSTO PER LA COSCIENZA"

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From Wednesday to Sunday: 10.30 - 13 / 15 - 19

PRESS RELEASE

When reason sticks to madness as nothing will have a continuation, this is the place where I would spend as much time as possible, becoming gin, looking at a sun that will never rise and never fall, thinking of the creature whose bones rest in my mind, running around a column of a space that is tending to the infinite and looking with emotion at a head that looks at the world with indifference.

Here I want to stay, but without the reason's company, alone and full of emotions.

Francesco Gennari

"Il luogo dove non c'è più posto per la coscienza" is Francesco Gennari's third solo show at Tucci Russo gallery, after "Tornerò dove non sono mai stato" in 2005 and "La degenerazione di Parsifal" in 2006. The artist exhibited together with Conrad Shawcross in the group exhibition "S.N.O.W – Sculpture in Non-Objective Way" in 2005.

"Il luogo dove non c'è più posto per la coscienza" is a series of works – that give the title to the exhibition itself - made of little silver pearls, representing the details of the architectural elements of the artist's studio.

In this "recreated place" the artist presents himself and his artistic making in a series of self-portraits: in *Autoritratto con menta*, the demiurge, in the form of gin, becomes visible to the world by taking on a colour which derives from its mingling with some mint syrup; the resulting green alcoholic liquid is placed within a circular steel bowl. The demiurge is now green and round.

In *Testa Nera che guarda il mondo con indifferenza*, the sculpture, made of black Belgian marble, should be read as the way the artist sees the world.

In Autoritratto in un Disegno the demiurge presents himself to the world in a geometric space whose form is defined by a drawing.

In *Autoritratto con* the demiurge appears simultaneously as human figure and as metaphysical shape, in the form of gin.

Finally *Contrazione della metafisica n.* 2, sculpture realized in white marble, is a bone. The ancient prehistoric animal it belonged to only exists in the artist's mind.