

Lorenzo Passi

Roots

Opening: 4 September 2021 at 6 pm

The show will be open to the public from September 4th to 13th November 2021

On September 4, 2021, will inaugurate *Roots*, a solo show hosted in Marignana Arte's project room that is a journey through **Lorenzo Passi's** intense works that is part of the laguna event *The Venice Glass Week*, an international festival the city of Venice devotes to the art of glass.

Starting with the title, the image of roots, steeped in allusions, shows how Passi's research elaborates delicate, powerful forms that strive to render visible and tangible the intricate network of relations, mysteries and events that connects each of us with the past and history. A quest for identity stems from the wish to have deep roots, of placing the foundations of one's soul in a place wherein self-identification may freely express itself.

A cornerstone, in a world that has very little safe and solid features, a certitude to hold on to, lies at the base of these roots, from which the tree of being is born, grows, derives nourishment, and finally branches off into the air in nodes, junctions, branches. People, transfigured by the crazy speed of change in their lives, attempt to chase after time, hoping to attain stability.

The present work starts from a tree stump, felled in a place well-known to the artist, an area in which his ancestors lived. The stump is used as a mould to create a series of cubic modules of various colours. When displayed, these create a negative image of the stump, through which light projects the image of the tree, or of what's left of it, on the ground. Confidence in the past wherein the tree has lived, which is also the artist's own past, is the starting point from which he uses light to disassemble, divide, modify colours, and finally reassemble the metaphor of the illusion of existence.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a critical essay by the philosopher Jonathan Molinari.

The installation *Roots* is a special project of the group show hosted in the gallery dedicated to the topic of memory, titled *Memory is a whimsical and bizarre being, comparable to a young girl*, that sees also the participation of Lorenzo Passi.

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