# PRESS RELEASE AWARDS CEREMONY NY 2024 PRIZE

During the Award Ceremony on Saturday, March 9th, a jury composed of 5 prominent international figures from the world of art, culture, publishing, and collecting awarded the works that stood out for their technical innovation and artistic skill. These awards represent an important recognition for artists who have demonstrated extraordinary talent and exceptional creativity. The evening was enriched by the presence of distinguished personalities and an enthusiastic audience, who were able to closely appreciate the winning works and celebrate excellence in the field of visual arts.

### **FIRST PRIZE**

## awarded to artist

## MARIA GRAZIA ZOHAR DI KARSTENEGG

CERTIFICATE AND TROPHY FOR 1st PRIZE WINNER + EXHIBITION OF 2 WORKS AT THE NY EXPO PLANNED FOR MAY 2024 + CRITICAL REVIEW SIGNED BY DR. M.GRAZIA TODARO + 1 MONTH EXHIBITION OF 2 WORKS IN A GALLERY IN PADOVA Value 1600 euros

SECOND PRIZE awarded to artist

## ANDJELKA MARAS

CERTIFICATE AND TROPHY FOR 2nd PRIZE WINNER, AND MEDAL EXHIBITION OF 1 WORK AT THE NY EXPO PLANNED FOR MAY 2024 AND CRITICAL REVIEW SIGNED BY DR. M.GRAZIA TODARO + 1 MONTH EXHIBITION OF 1 WORK IN A GALLERY IN PADOVA Value 1100 euros

JOINT THIRD PRIZE awarded to artists

#### XERSA, VEDRAN BUKOVINA

CERTIFICATE AND TROPHY FOR 3rd PRIZE WINNER AND MEDAL 5 WORKS IN VIDEO EXHIBITION AT THE NY EXPO PLANNED FOR MAY 2024 + CRITICAL COMMENTARY SIGNED BY CRITIC M.GRAZIA TODARO + 1 MONTH VIDEO ART EXHIBITION OF 5 WORKS ON MONITORS IN THE SHOP WINDOWS OF THE GALLERY IN PADOVA Value 900 euros FOURTH PRIZE awarded to artist

#### **TOTORI SALVATORE RIMI**

CERTIFICATE AND TROPHY FOR 4th PRIZE WINNER OF 3 WORKS IN VIDEO EXHIBITION AT THE NY EXPO PLANNED FOR MAY 2024 + CRITICAL REVIEW SIGNED BY DR. M.GRAZIA TODARO + 1 MONTH EXHIBITION OF 3 VIDEO ART WORKS ON MONITORS IN THE SHOP WINDOWS OF THE GALLERY IN PADOVA Value 750 euros

## JOINT FIFTH PRIZE

awarded to artists

#### SIRO POLAZZETTO, VINCENZO BIAVATI

CERTIFICATE AND TROPHY FOR 5th PRIZE WINNER AND MEDAL 1 WORK IN VIDEO EXHIBITION AT THE NY EXPO PLANNED FOR MAY 2024 + CRITICAL REVIEW SIGNED BY DR. M. GRAZIA TODARO + 1 MONTH EXHIBITION OF 1 VIDEO ART WORK ON MONITORS IN THE SHOP WINDOWS OF THE GALLERY IN PADOVA Value 650 euros

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Works in video display on our You tube channel and in our Gallery window and youtube click here

The award presentation during the vernissage was a significant and emotional moment, making the exhibition opening even more special.

All participating artists received a certificate and a special merit trophy as recognition for their commitment and creativity in visual art, and upon joining the May *2024 NY ART SYMPOSIUM* in the Important Usagi **Dumbo center**, an artwork in video exhibition that will be broadcasted throughout the exhibition in New

York + permanent video publication on our YouTube channel, ensuring participants lasting visibility and a unique opportunity to showcase their work to a wide international audience.

We aim to offer participating artists not only recognition and prizes but also a platform to showcase their creativity and reach a wider audience. We are thrilled to welcome talents from all over the world and offer them the opportunity to exhibit their works in a prestigious context like the **NY ART SYMPOSIUM 2024.** 

Many artists received **SPECIAL CRITICAL MENTION** and were particularly appreciated by the Jury: Alice Cristallo, Andjelka Maras, Antonio Leone, Chiara Mario, Daciana, Giovanni Merola, Kerstin Kager, Madalina Ariciu, Michael Cheung (beatbeat wing), Renzo Gianella, Rossella Quebella, Siro Polazzetto, Vincenzo Biavati, Valentina Ratta, Vedran Bukovina, Xersa

\*These artists will receive in turn, in addition to 1 artwork in video exhibition and on our YouTube channel permanently *in case of participation in the May NY Art Symposium*, the exhibition of the artwork in the windows of our Gallery during the exhibition period with consequent promotional photo on social media.

## We want to thank the jury

**Dr. Diyali Bhalla** President of DIAC in Dubai. Born in India, Diyali Bhalla graduated in science and has a diploma in fashion design from the National Institute of Fashion Technology (FIT) in New York. She has been involved in various social causes through her participation and contribution to artistic projects in the United Arab Emirates.

**Dr. Emma Chiaramonte** Co-founder and curator of Ava Gallery in Dubai since 2018. In 2015, she turned her enthusiasm and love for art into her life's work first in Italy and then in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. **Prof. Lucio Bonafede** Engineer and university lecturer, specializing in industrial design and design; his research areas focus on the study of the material-form-function relationship. He has moderated numerous design conferences. Collector and curator.

**Art Director Maria Grazia Todaro Gallery owner**. Curator of artistic and cultural events for around 25 years. Art Promoter. Art Critic. President of the QueenArtStudio Artistic Cultural Center. Responsible for the Programming and Control of National and International Exhibitions and Expos.

**Dr. Paul Cabezas** Eclectic figure in the art world. Independent International Curator in New York, Editor and Publisher of Arte News Magazine distributed in the USA, Spain, and London.

It was truly difficult to choose the winners, but in the end, we managed to identify those who, according to our evaluation criteria, gave their best. We want to emphasize that submitting to an Award is a courageous choice because it involves facing other artists and accepting and trusting the commission's judgment, but above all, we want to thank everyone for participating in the contest and making the realization of such a beautiful and engaging event possible.

We hope that this experience has been stimulating and rewarding for you and has given you further motivation to continue cultivating your passion for art. We wish you good luck for the future and invite you to continue expressing your creativity in every possible form.

**Thank you again to all participants and congratulations to the winners!** THE EXPO CAN BE VISITED FROM TUESDAY TO SATURDAY 3:30 PM-7:30 PM FREE ADMISSION

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