

**Romina De Novellis** (1982) is a performer, visual artist and anthropologist, who was born in Naples, grew up in Rome and has been active in Paris since 2008. With a background in dance, she studies the body from an anthropological perspective and through the lens of the Mediterranean cultures.

The artist uses eco-feminist theories as a parameter to analyze and denounce the oppressive realities of our societies and the dichotomies nature-humanity, femininity-masculinity, north-south, scientific-intuitive, power-bodies, establishment-cultures. Her intention is to highlight the re-appropriation of the feminine features for both women and men, in order to question the dominant models.

Her works have been presented in many contexts, including MAC - VAL Contemporary Art Museum, Ca' Pesaro International Gallery of Modern and Contemporary Art in Venice, MADRE Museum in Naples, Poznan Biennale in Poland, the Armory Show in New York, Villa Datris Foundation, Espace Vuitton, Palais de Tokyo, Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature in Paris, among others.

In 2019 Romina De Novellis launched a residency project for artists and curators called *Domus Artist Residency*, based in Galatina, Italy.

Voulez-vous danser avec moi ? Merci, je ne préfère pas ! Installation and performance In the context of Paris+ Public Program by Art Basel Curated by Annabelle Ténèze Jardin des Tuileries, Paris October 2023

Voulez-vous danser avec moi? Merci, je ne préfère pas! is an installation and performance by Romina De Novellis, which deals with the topic of loneliness within human and social relations. A revisited bandstand, a typical Italian urban architecture, has been installed in the Tuileries Gardens. Here, the artist performed from Tuesday to Friday during the Paris+ par Art Basel opening week, in an attempt to rewrite the tradition of the ritual and to give new meaning to these kind of architectural structures. The piece also includes music.







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## Exhibition view, *Amami Alfreda*, solo show at Alberta Pane Gallery, Paris, 2023 Curated by Marta Ponsa

Curated by Marta Ponsa, this exhibition presents two projects: *Luna Park* (2018) and *Del maiale non si butta via niente* (2022). Through photography, video and installation, the works open a dialogue around the notions of control, surveillance and judgment that affect our perception of others, in particular females' bodies and the marginalized.





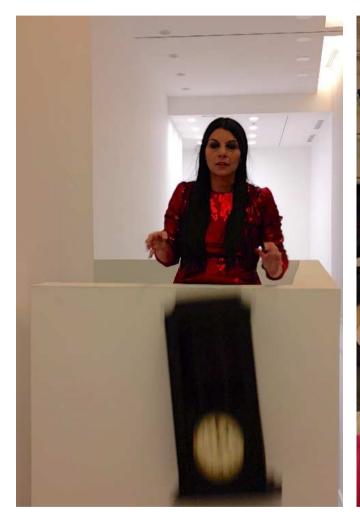
Bella Ciao
Performance organised at the invitation of Marta Ponsa,
Head of Artistic Projects
Jeu de Paume, Paris
January 2023
With the support of Alberta Pane Gallery

It was not until the 16th century that potatoes arrived in Europe from South America. This (highly nutritious and abundant) vegetable literally fills the room where the artist will sit motionless for an entire day. In his installation 'Patate', Giuseppe Penone gives his potatoes an anthropomorphic form by forcing them to develop in moulds made from his own face. For De Novellis, the potatoes symbolise partisans who resist. The artist is thus surrounded by these activists in what looks like a living still life. This performance also reminds us of our belonging to the kingdom of life and the tuber seems to want to speak to us about the resilience of the planet Earth. At the end of the performance, the potatoes will be donated to associations and distributed to people in need.



Volare oh oh, cantare oh oh oh
Performance organised at the invitation of Marta Ponsa,
Head of Artistic Projects
Jeu de Paume, Paris
December 2022
With the support of Alberta Pane Gallery

In 'Tentativo di volo', 1970; De Dominicis tries to learn to fly by flapping his arms in the air and jumping from a mound, repeating this experience desperately. After several years of unsuccessful attempts to imitate bird flight, the artist passes this utopian wish on to his son to perpetuate this desire for flight, this desire for freedom and lightness. During the night of December 31 to January 1, the inhabitants of Naples throw damaged household objects from balconies or windows. This purifying act that accompanies the New Year comes from the historical episode, 'The Four Days of Naples' (September 27-30, 1943) when the Neapolitan people attacked the forces of the Third Reich that occupied the city. Born as a gesture of rebellion and liberation, it later became a ritual of passage and also an act of incivility. De Novellis claims this action as a gesture to shed the weight of history and patriarchy in order to make room for other more inclusive narratives. In the performance, objects abandoned by their owners are reused before their ultimate end.





Il gioco della campana
Performance organised at the invitation of Marta Ponsa,
Head of Artistic Projects
Jeu de Paume, Paris
November 2022
With the support of Alberta Pane Gallery

Italy and the countries of Southern Europe are gateways to immigration from the African continent. With 'L'Italia rovesciata', Luciano Fabro hung the Italian boot upside down, ironically questioning national representation and our perception of space.

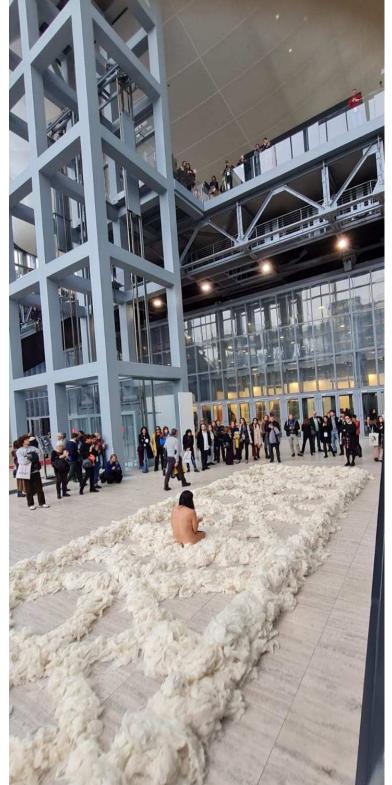
De Novellis presents the geography of migratory flows in the form of a popular game: hopscotch. Italy is the extension of the African continent and the pathway from South to North. Each square represents an African country from which emigrants, refugees or asylum seekers have departed, territories that each player must jump over, not without danger, to reach the desired goal. The chrysanthemums that dot this hopscotch seem to bear witness to the often tragic results of this race. The artist was inspired by the tradition of 'infiorate', the flower carpets that cover some Italian streets on the occasion of the Christian festival of Corpus Christo. A group of students will collaborate in the design and production of this installation.



La Pecora Invited by Valentina Ciarallo Roma Arte in Nuvola fair, Rome, 2022 With the support of Alberta Pane Gallery

La Pecora is a performance that, together with La Veglia and La Gabbia, completes the 'Trilogie de l'enfermement.' As with the other two works, the three-dimensionality of the installation is central not only to the work but also to the repetition of the gesture. This time it is the raw sheep wool that she decided to use, the gesture of carding it, of brushing it, gave the idea for the form of the installation. Like a labyrinth in the space of the museum's court of honor, she installed the wool recreating, in a stylized way, the shape of a human brain seen from above.

Her body, naked, brushes the wool for hours in an attempt to untie the knots and finally be able to advance inside the labyrinth. The endless repetition of the gesture metaphorically represents the human being's effort to break out of his cages of everyday life, out of his suffering, and out of the limits that society imposes on bodies. Like the other performances, *La Pecora* is a futile effort because it does not lead to the liberation of the body and leaves the viewer in disbelief at so much effort and in suspense with respect to the hope of seeing the body free itself.





Del maiale non si butta via niente
Performance organised at the invitation of
Marta Ponsa, Head of Artistic Projects
Jeu de Paume, Paris
October 2022
With the support of Alberta Pane Gallery

In response to Kounellis' performance Untitled (Twelve Live Horses), 1969, De Novellis locks herself in a sow breeding cage. The control and mastery of the birth rate characterize intensive breeding and its economic profitability, a major stake of the agri-food industry. The female body is an object to be monitored, to be maintained with a view to productivity. In popular culture, the sacrifice of the pig is a popular festival that brings people together. De Novellis decides to lock herself up dressed as a woman-object, to show how our societies consume women's bodies as well as animals'. She will regain her freedom at the end of the day. This action, both close and far from Kounellis' performance, affirms a co-presence with the animal and, more generally, a new sensitivity towards the living.



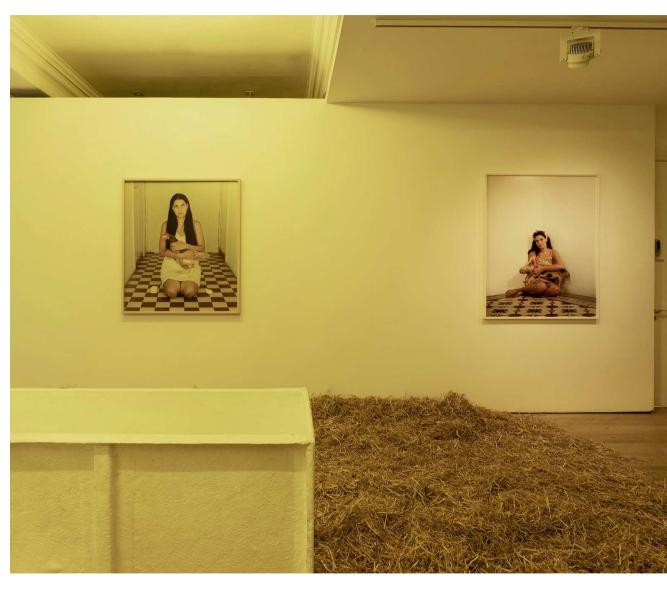


Tales from the South: Romina de Novellis, solo exhibition Curated by Paola Ugolini Richard Saltoun Gallery, London, 2022 With the support of CNAP and Alberta Pane Gallery

Curated by Paola Ugolini, Romina De Novellis' performative exhibition at Richard Saltoun Gallery is an experiential journey through the artist's practice, which merges anthropological studies and performance.

Hailing from Naples - a city rich in history and traditions - De Novellis' work is centred around her body, a powerful tool to explore the issues in the Mediterranean areas, and to denounce the abuse and limitations imposed by contemporary society.

For her London debut at Richard Saltoun Gallery, the artist enacts La Veglia (2011) performance daily for the duration of the exhibition, originally performed in the Parisian apartment of art critic Marc Lenot. La Veglia sees the artist naked and kneeling behind a see-through screen made of red wool threads. Isolated in a restricted space and accompanied by the folkloristic chants sung by female farmers of Salento - one of Italy's southern regions - the artist slowly undoes the screen with repetitive gestures, wrapping the threads on themselves one by one. In this performance, she enacts a hypnotic and ancestral performance akin to pagan ritual. Her attentive study of the anthropological aspects, rituals, and customs typical of the Mediterranean culture fits within her eco-feminist research that questions the intersection between patriarchy, capitalism, and exploitation of women's bodies, non-binary and queer.



Installation view, *Tales from the South: Romina De Novellis*, solo exhibition at Richard Saltoun Gallery, London, 2022, curated by Paola Ugolini. Photo by Karen Bengall







#### Tou.te.s Sorcières, 2022 MAC VAL - Musée d'art contemporain du Valde-Marne, Vitry-sur-Seine, France

Tou.te.s Sorcières is a collective and participatory performance in close dialogue with the work Arachne (2018), part of the MAC VAL collection. Invited to produce the print dedicated to International Women's Rights Day, the artist was inspired by the American feminist movement of the 1960s, Women's International Terrorist Conspiracy from Hell: WITCH. In this poetic and political march, the Witch becomes a feminist icon belonging to all: women, men, queer, children, young people, adults, seniors. This unifying march seeks to instill the Witch's iconography in the collective and intimate imagination. Far too often reduced to feminist values and references, it is transformed here into collective urgency and pride.



# The Last Supper, Summer 2021 Two performances at Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Paris, France and in Galatina, Italy

The performative dinner studies were born with 'The Last Supper Project', a choral investigation of the Mediterranean. It develops as a processual and relational work through moments of study and dialogue between researchers who meet within the framework of the Domus residency program, of which De Novellis is the artistic director. Conceived as a dinner installation, *The Last Supper* is a ritual of sharing food and knowledge, which reflects on the relationship between environmental and gender violence, care and regeneration and investigates the most pressing contemporary issues, outlined by a feminist and decolonial sensibility alongside an artistic perspective, aiming to combine theoretical thinking with artistic and community practices.

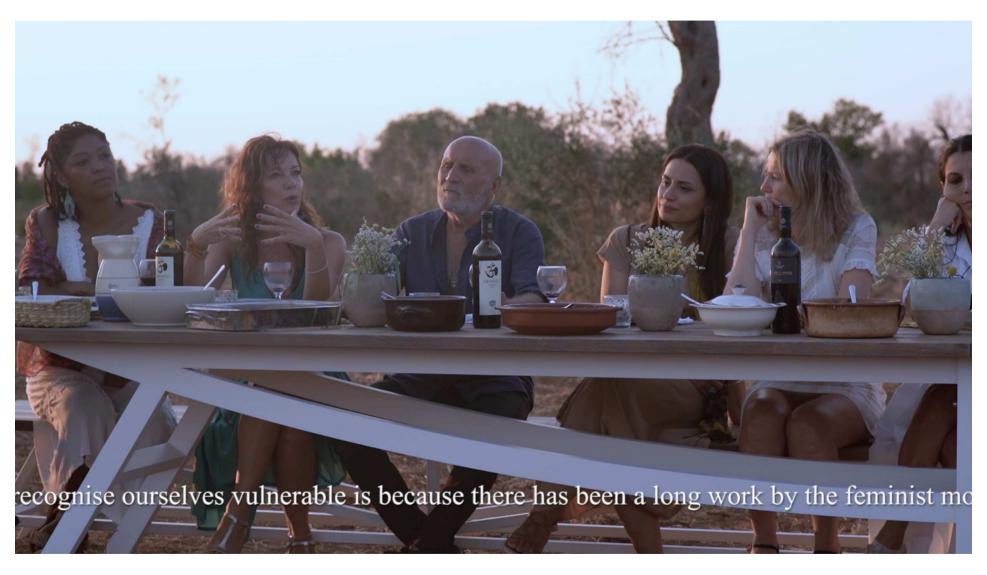


The Last Supper, Summer 2021 Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Paris, France





The Last Supper, Summer 2021, Galatina, Italy



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#### *Eurydice*, 2021 Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature, Paris, France

In the exhibition 'La Valise d'Orphée', Romina De Novellis presents an unprecedented performance that renews our view of the myth of Eurydice and of the Mediterranean traditions related to it.

The figure of Eurydice, who is doomed to Hell by a snake bite, is associated in the Mediterranean imagination with multiple avatars of women caught in hysterical contortions because of a snake or tarantula's bite. In the latter, *Tarantismo*, a popular healing rite in southern Italy that combines magical practices, Christianity and musical catharsis, entrusts the men of the village with the power to heal the wounded. In close relation with her eco-feminist approach and the moving poetry of her performances, Romina De Novellis replaces the male figure. Inspired by the cadence of the *tarantella*, she provides a patient attempt at healing and rebirth that she chooses to apply to animals as well as to their victims.



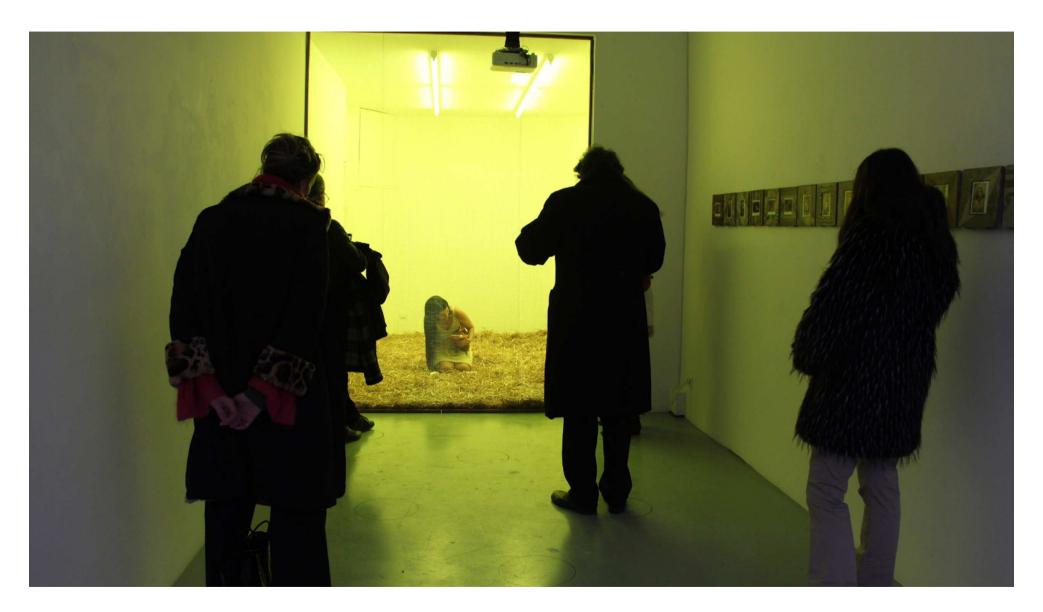




Si tu m'aimes, protège-moi, 2020 Galatina, Lecce, Italy

In the arid and dry countryside of Southern Italy women covered the ears of hens before practicing any violent gesture that could have shocked them and caused their infertility. Carefully, the woman used to take the hen on her knees and to protect her ears from the noise.





Si tu m'aimes, protège-moi, 2021, solo show Galerie Alberta Pane, Paris, France



short fragment of their creations and research every night through the window of her daughter Maddalena's room in Paris.



*Nel Blu Dipinto di Blu*, 2019 Galerie Alberta Pane, Paris, France

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"This project denounces the current problems of the Mediterranean. It presents the physical and emotional feeling that emerges when I'm at home in Italy, and I look at the sea. I think of European indifference, the selfishness of political powers, the reasons that have led our sea to become a cemetery."





Arachne, A women's march towards the South, to the limits of Europe, 2018
Salento, from Galatina to Punta Ristola, Italy
Curated by Mylène Ferrand
With the support of the Ministry of Cultural heritage and Activites and Tourism and of SIAE, as part of the 'S'illumina-copia privata per i giovani, per la cultura'

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"This women's march took place on 10 June 2018, as an artistic and symbolic action aimed at leading the inhabitants of the Salento region, in Southern Italy, to reflect upon recovering 'tarantismo' as the phenomenon of rebellion, through a contemporary reading of the ritual and the symbolism of that land. Participation was low attendance totaled about twenty women - but the participants stayed together for the approximately 60 Km. From the Chapel of San Paolo to Galatina at dawn, passing through the fields of olive trees under the burning sun, amid the architectures of the extinguished lights, to the very end of Italy, Punta Ristola, where we stayed until sundown, motionless, gazing at the sea. Arachne was not just a conceptual exercise, but it was also a participatory and active observation, an anthropological reading of the contemporary "tarantate" in the perspective of an Italy crushed between Europe and the Mediterranean."

- Romina De Novellis



Arachne, A women's march towards the South, to the limits of Europe, 2018 Salento, from Galatina to Punta Ristola, Italy





*Natura Morta,* 2018 Galerie du Crous, Paris, France



A *tableau vivant* in dialogue with the sculptural bust of Felicita Bevilacqua La Masa.





#### Inferno, 2015, 2017

"My body sits as if it were at an altar, wearing a white dress filled with pieces of watermelons. Behind it, an orchestra plays music from Italian operas and Italian tradition. During the course of several hours, my body slowly and methodically eats the watermelons in its lap. The repeated gesture is simultaneously elegant, erotic, and disturbing. The performance becomes a sort of portrait that embodies symbols of Italian culture: a Mediterranean woman, sacred iconography contrasting with the sensual gesture, the procession of the orchestra which evokes the forces of order, the importance of food and abundance, the pleasure of sharing ritual sacraments; but also the exaggeration of gluttony."



Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France, 2015





Le 7.5 Club, Paris, France, 2012

#### La Gabbia, 2019, 2016, 2012

A body of a woman, kneeling within a cage 100×100 cm in size, 500 roses at her feet. For several hours of performance, the woman collects one rose at a time and fills every single hole in the structure.

The repetition of the gesture leads to the body's disappearance behind the roses which gradually cover all sides of the cage.

The action provokes a sense of suffocation.



Parcours Saint-Germain, Place Saint Germain des Prés, Paris, 2014





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2018 - Curated by Alnoor Mitha

2015 - Curated by Moataz Nasr and Simon Njami

A work on the life of the places, the history and the traces of the past everywhere: past cannot be erased. We can clean the past, but we can not delete it.



Cinema Radio, OFF BIENNALE CAIRO, Cairo, Egypt, 2015

#### Il Gioco della campana, 2018 Manifesta Biennial 12, Collateral Events, Palermo, Italy

Each box of the Hopscotch displays the name of a country from which migrants, political refugees and asylum seekers come, while the last box "Europe" signals the desired landing point. The artist remained seated silently in the middle of the bell-shaped court while the flower decorations, a symbolic sea of coloured flowers, enclosed her.

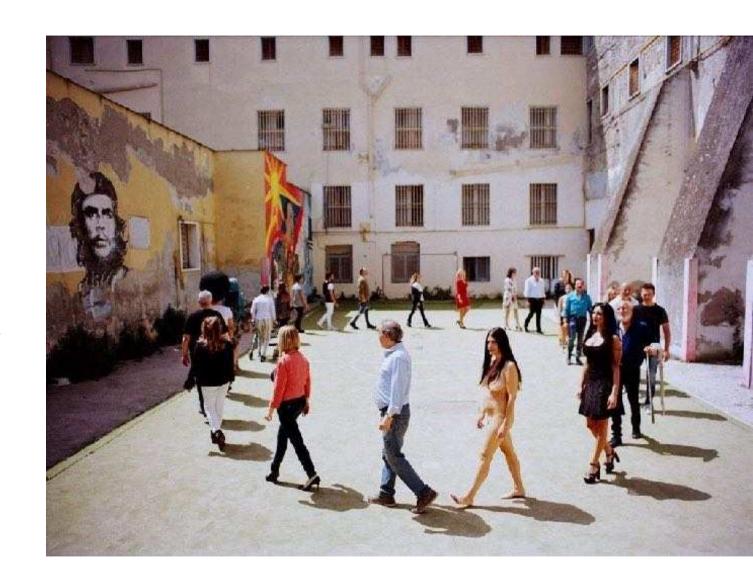


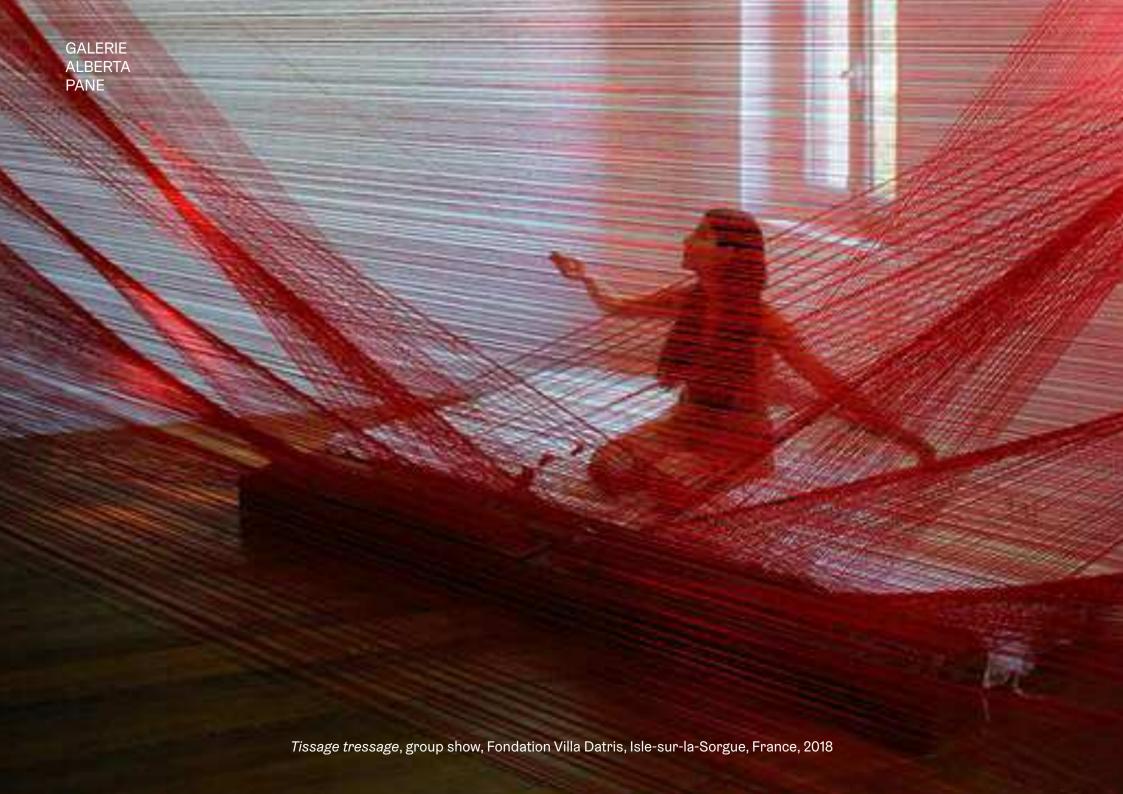




#### Luna Park 1, 2, 3, 2018 Edenlandia and Ex OPG, Naples, Italy Curated by Léa Bismuth

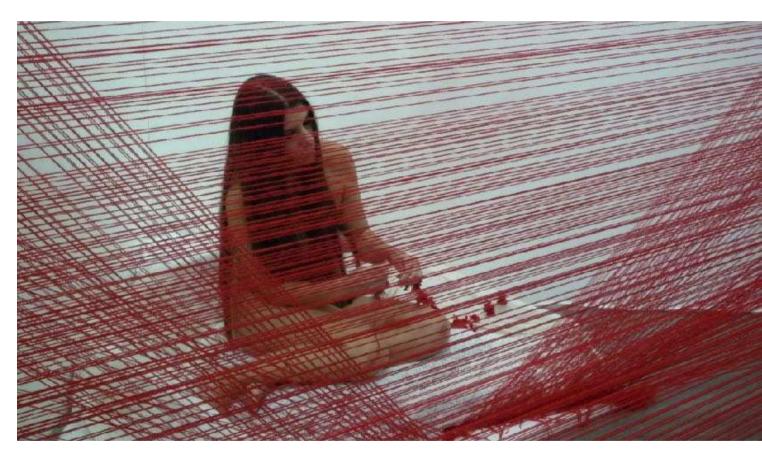
A sort of parade, a procession, for the Naples LGBTQ community and the group Arcigay (which also integrates migrants and the disabled into the community), at the Neapolitan amusement park Edenlandia. The amusement park becomes the utopian world, as in the story of Pinocchio, where all bodies are free and accepted.



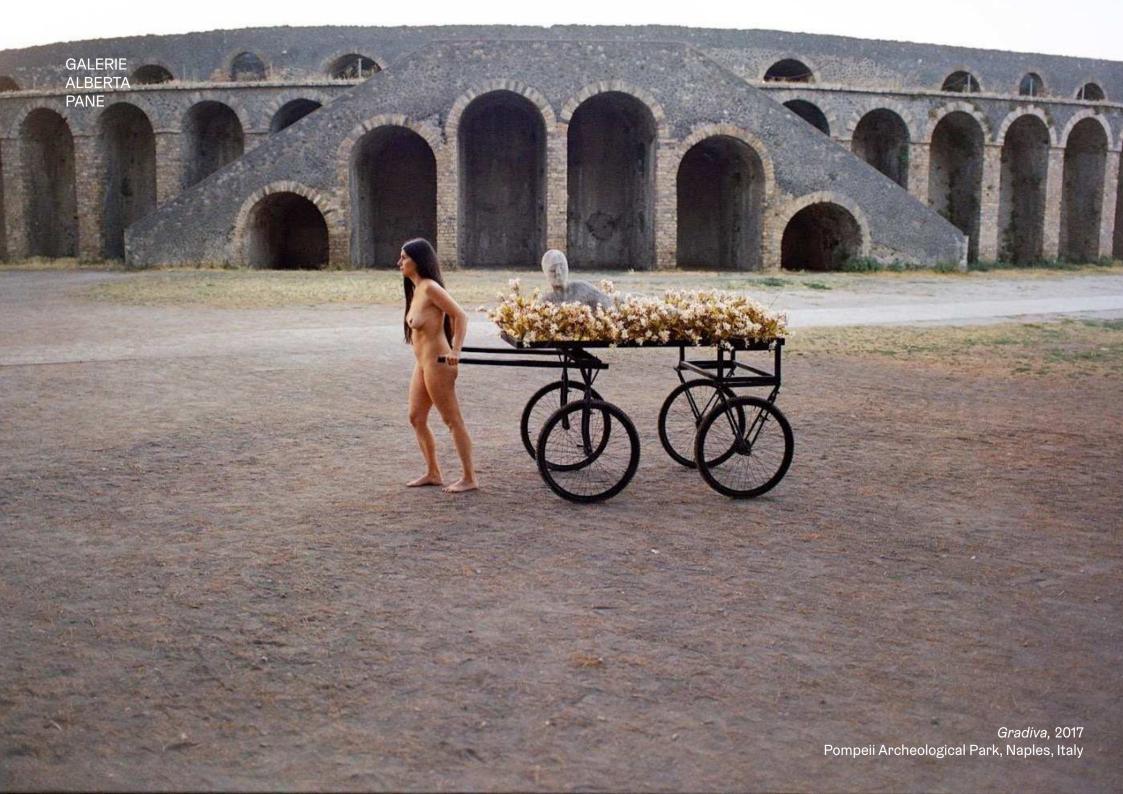


#### La Veglia, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2012, 2011

La Veglia is a private performance that lasts from 12 to sunset, depicting the failed attempt to liberate the body. Throughout the day, while making knots, the body seeks to free itself from the prison/frame built with red yarn, but at the moment of dusk the yarn is still quite high, and the body disappears into the dark, just as the spectators' bodies do. La Veglia is an installation/performance conceived for the homes of private individuals, for intimate and private space. It is placed within a personal history, in everyday life, at the boundary between intimate space and public space, between the enclosed body and the exposed body, between resistance and repetition.



Artissima, Turin, Italy, booth Alberta Pane Gallery, 2016







Gradiva, 2017 Curated by Léa Bismuth Pompeii Archeological Park, Naples, Italy

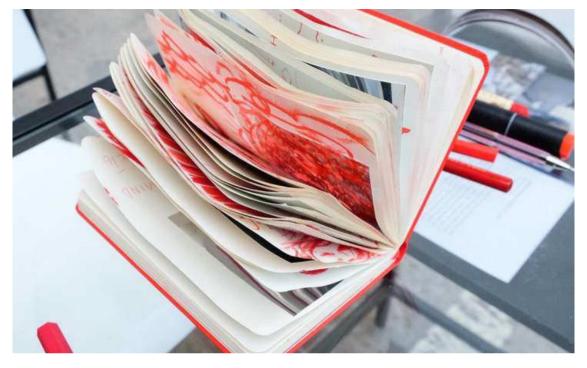
*Gradiva* is a work dedicated to the past, to seeking one's identity amid the ruins of one's own unconscious.



# Placenta, 2017 Venice, Italy

Placenta is a performance dedicated to the Mediterranean
A form of procession against the political impotence, facing humanitarian disasters.







Selfie/Autoportrait, 2017 Art Paris Art Fair, Paris, France

## Bella Ciao, 2016 ExPOP Performing Arts Festival, Alghero, Italy

The seemingly calm of the artist's body is disturbed by an avalanche of potatoes: potatoes as a still life and an unfinished revolt.



*Ger,* 2016 Villa Ada, Rome, Italy

Rome meets Mongolia: a metaphorical and a-temporal encounter between East and West.







# *La Sacra Famiglia*, 2015 Naples, Italy

A performance in Naples. A public action in the heart of the city's historic centre. A work on the family understood as a caste, as a place of love and conflict, in which rituals dictate the everyday and impose family roles. The family as a cage or shield, to flee from, or to be defended by. The family as the realm of the greatest contradictions: violent, cynical, full of passion.









ADN/DNA , 2016 Musée des Arts et Métiers, Paris, France

DNA: A silent transmission of the human history.



#### La Pecora, 2013 Curated by Mehdi Brit

Like a sort of *Arachne* taken out from the Greek/Roman mythology, the artist brushes 300kg of raw wool trying to spin it. The form of the labyrinth is inspired by the brain. The artist is in the middle of her brain and she is brushing it. Like an animal losing its hair, she is an actor of the metamorphosis process of both the material and the body. Her own body that brushes wool for 6 hours.







Paradiso, 2015, Mairie de Paris, Paris, France

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Paradiso as genesis, as a garden in which man and woman meet, determining the heterosexual relationship of the couple, which is destined to live together and to reproduce. Her Paradiso is opposed to the imposed schemes and, at a time when civil unions are still being debated both in France and Italy, she decided to express her perspective on a a social issue that nowadays is still a taboo.









Augurii - The Artist in the Natural Habitat of Vultures, 2014

"The *Auguri* were priests who, in Ancient Rome, were tasked with interpreting the will of the gods through the flight of birds. It is therefore with vultures that I decided to work, in dialogue with what remained of me after I gave birth, when my body became the carcass of a daughter and was transformed into the body of a mother."



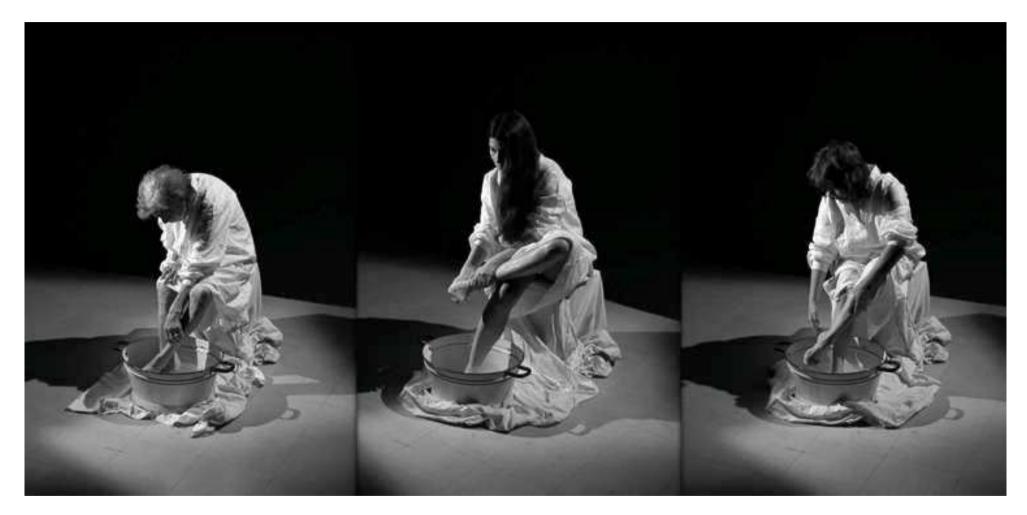
FIAC Hors les Murs, Jardin des Plantes, Paris, France, 2014

Fase REM, 2014
Rome, Italy and Paris, France

The artists decided to relive physically some dreams she had. A journey in pictures, from the unconscious to the real perceptive experience.







Mamma Mia, 2016, 2013

Mamma mia is a work dedicated to the women of Southern Italy, to their bonds and their stories. Mamma mia is also an autobiographical work on the generational differences imposed among the women in a single family. It is a performance and a video installation on the generational metamorphosis of the body and of non-verbal bonds: a single gesture, the same gesture, for the three women.



Forza Francia, Viva Italia, 2012 La Nuit Blanche, Paris, France

A competition between the French and Italian Flag to see who comes last! A parody of the European crisis.

The images of two decadent Mariannas.

#### La Moltiplicazione, 2012, 2011

A dialogue between the cultures of the Mediterranean was created through a gesture of the everyday life of the countries facing the same sea. Cleaning fish became the symbol of an action that is carried out every day by men and women without distinction, and in all the cultures of the Mediterranean



St Eustace Church, Paris, France, 2011



La Grande Mosquée, Paris, France, 2011

## LABN milk/sperm, 2011 Contemporary Art Center, Cairo, Egypt

The artist cleaned her body with milk. She offered milk in which she had washed herself to people to drink. The public agreed to drink it.

# Périphérique, 2011 La Nuit Blanche Paris/Clichy, France

From the Place de Clichy to the Périphérique, the artist pushed a stroller full of soup. She gave food to all citizens that she met on the street.

People ate and then followed the long performance until the Périphérique.









## La lucciola, 2011 LadyFest Rome, Rome, Italy

The artist was cared for by a community of women on the margins of society. They washed her, fed her, clothed her. By taking care of the artist, they took care of themselves.









*Le baptême,* 2011 Nuit des Galeries, Paris, France

A work about the sense of belonging to a culture and a society, and how our body and our history depend on the decisions of our parents and our cultural context.

# Le fil, 2011 Supermarket Monoprix, Paris, France

A tribute to all women, who work hard.

A performance on the alienation at work.

The repetition of the gesture as a prison.







*La Focara,* 2010 La Nuit Blanche, Paris, France

A grotesque and baroque appearance of a *Santa* on the rue de Rivoli. A procession against the direction of the cars.





SPLASH! La dolce vita à Paris, 2010 Paris, France

Appearance of a *spaghetti* woman in Paris fountains and monuments.

*Tentatives de resurrection,* 2009 La Nuit des Musées, Parcours Nomades, Paris, France

Four appearances of women on the margins of society.







Zeza, 2008 Teatro Palladium, Rome, Italy

A performance theater: a story of a dissolute. First study: body deforms.



Teatri di Vetro, Teatro Palladium, Rome, Italy, 2007



Three *tableaux vivants*. A story of a girl tortured by her father, who was made "Santa".



# **CATALOGUE**

R. De Novellis, *MEDITERRANEO*, 2019 monographic catalogue, edited by Alberta Pane Gallery

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# ROMINA DE NOVELLIS

Born in Naples, Italy, 1982. Lives and works in Paris, France. Founder and director of DOMUS Artist Residency at Galatina, Italy.

## PERFORMANCES (\*) first occurrence

### 2023

(\*) Voulez-vous danser avec moi ? Merci, je ne préfère pas !, performance and installation, Paris+ Public Program by Art Basel, curated by Annabelle Ténèze, Jardin des Tuileries, Paris, France

Bella ciao, 'La Cultura che Vive': a series of 4 performances, curated by Marta Ponsa, in collaboration with Alberta Pane Gallery, Jeu de Paume, Paris, France

#### 2022

(\*) Volare oh oh, cantare oh oh oh, curated by Marta Ponsa, in collaboration with Alberta Pane Gallery, Jeu de Paume, Paris, France Il gioco della campana, curated by Marta Ponsa, in collaboration with Alberta Pane Gallery, Jeu de Paume, Paris, France

*La Pecora,* invited by Valentina Ciarallo, Roma Arte in Nuvola fair, Rome, 2022, with the support of Alberta Pane gallery

(\*) Del maiale non si butta via nente, La Cultura che Vive: a series of 4 performances, curated by Marta Ponsa, in collaboration with Alberta Pane Gallery, Jeu de Paume, Paris, France

Le Peuple des femmes, in the context of Agir pour le vivant, festival, La Croisière, Arles, France (\*) *Tou.te.s sorcières*, project for a new print dedicated to the International Women's Rights Day 2022 commissioned by MAC VAL Museum, participative performance in lvry-sur-Seine, France

#### 2021

- (\*) Eurydice, Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature, Paris, France
- (\*) Dialoghi Sul Mediterraneo The Last Supper project, Galatina, Italy

The Last Supper Project - study of an ecofeminist dinner, Festival Les Nuits des Forêts - Fontainebleau, France

The Last Supper Project - second study of an ecofeminist dinner, Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Paris, France

The Last Supper Project - first study of an ecofeminist dinner, Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Paris, France

#### 2020

- (\*) Si tu m'aimes, protège-moi, Galatina, Lecce, Italy #chezmaddalena, Paris, France
- (\*) *Tentativo di fuga,* Fondazione Cerasi Palazzo Merulana, Rome, Italy, produced by Fondazione Cerasi

#### 2019

*La Gabbia*, *Jardinons Les Possibles*, Les Grandes Serres de Pantin, Pantin. France

INFERNO, Food Futures Art, Kulturzentrum Faust, Hannover, Germany

### 2018

Felicit-à, Ca' Pesaro - Galleria Internazionale d'Arte Moderna, Venice, Italy, with the support of CNAP

Na Cl O, ATM - Asia Triennial, Manchester Cathedral, UK

ADN/DNA, I.T.A.CÀ Festival, Federico II, Naples, Italy

Il Gioco della Campana, collateral event for Manifesta12, Palerme, Italy Arachne, Lecce, Italy, produced by SIAE, MIBACT, RAMDOM LASTATION.

Ramdom, Kreëmart

La Veglia, Tissage Tressage - quand la sculpture d'efile, Fondation Villa

Datris, Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, Avignon, France

Luna Park 1, 2, 3, Edenlandia and Ex OPG, Naples, Italy, produced by

Labanque Béthune

#### 2017

*Gradiva*, Pompei Archeological Park, Naples, Italy, with the support Accademia di Belle Arti of Naples and D.A.F.NA. home gallery, produced by Labanque Béthune

Placenta, Venice, Italy, produced by Alberta Pane Gallery INFERNO,

Lightbox Meeting point, Venice, Italy, collateral event for

57th Venice Biennale, produced by Kreëmart

Selfie/Autoportrait, Art Paris Art Fair, with Lettera 27/Moleskine

Foundation, Paris, France, produced by Fondazione Lettera 27/At Work

La Veglia, Salotto Missoni New York, USA, Surface Conversion, produced by Kreëmart

#### 2016

Bella Ciao, ExPOP Performing Arts Festival, Sardinia, Italy

ADN / DNA, Corps Dessinant, Musée des Arts et Métiers, Paris, France, in collaboration with Sorbonne University, Paris/ EsPAS and CNRS, produced by CNRS

La Veglia, Geneva, Switzerland, produced by Kreëmart and Missoni

La Veglia, Artissima, Turin, Italy, with Alberta Pane Gallery

Mamma Mia, Fundamental Mediations Poznan Biennale, Poland, produced

by Fundamental Mediation Biennale

Ger, Land Art Mongolia (LAM), Mongolie

Ger, Villa Ada, Rome, Italy, curated by V. G. Lévy

La Gabbia, VIP Opening SP-Arte 2016, Sao Paulo, Brazil, in collaboration

with Kreëmart

La Gabbia, VIP Opening The Armory Show 2016, New York, USA, with

Alberta Pane Gallery, in collaboration with Kreëmart

#### 2015

La Sacra Famiglia, in collaboration with Archeological Museum of Naples, MADRE, Naples, Italy, produced by Le Toboggan Lyon/Décine

La Pecora Something Else Off Riennale Cairo Cairo Egypt produ

*La Pecora,* Something Else Off Biennale Cairo, Cairo, Egypt, produced by DARB1718

*Na Cl O,* Something Else Off Biennale Cairo, Cairo, Egypt, produced by DARB1718

(\*) Na Cl O, Alberta Pane Gallery, Paris, France, produced by Alberta Pane

Gallery

Paradiso, La Nuit des Galeries, Paris, France, produced by Mairie of Paris Uno, curated by Mehdi Brit, Espace Louis Vuitton, Paris, France, produced by Espace Louis Vuitton

(\*) *INFERNO*, "Diner des Amis du Palais de Tokyo", Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France, produced by Kreëmart

#### 2014

AUGURII, FIAC HORS LES MURS, Jardin des Plantes, Paris, France, FASE REM, 9 performances, Rome, Italy and Paris, France

#### 2013

La Gabbia, Parcours Saint-Germain 2014, Place Saint Germain des Prés, Paris, France,

*L'Ape,* La Friche Belle de Mai, Marseille capital of culture, France, produced by La Friche Belle de Mai/Astérides

- (\*) Mamma Mia, Officina delle Zattere, Venice, Italy
- (\*) La Pecora, Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature, Métamorphoses, curated by Mehdi Brit, La Nuit Européenne des Musées 2013, Paris, France, produced by Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature

#### 2012

La Guirlande, Frasq performance festival, Le Générateur, Paris, France, produced by Le Générateur

Forza Francia, Viva Italia!, Nuit Blanche 2012, Paris, France, produced by Marie of Paris

(\*) La Gabbia, Les états limites, 7.5 Club, Paris, France

The wedding – the weight of a life together, Dimanche rouge
performance festival, Paris, France

L'ultima cena, La Nuit des Galeries, Circuito 2012, Parcours Nomades,
Mairie de Paris, Paris, France

*La Multiplication*, Beirut, Lebanon, in collaboration with Nadine Sures and Zico House, produced by State of Canad

### 2011

LABN milk/sperm, Resistence group exhibition, Cairo, Egypt, produced by DARB1718

Venus lave les chiffons, Conductions/Jeune création group exhibition, in collaboration with Fondation Ricard, Le 104, Paris, France, produced by Fondation Ricard

*Périphérique*, Nuit Blanche 2011, Circuito festival performing art 2011, Mairie de Paris and Mairie de Clichy, Paris, France

La Lucciola, Lady Fest 2011, Rome, Italy, produced by Lady Fest

*La Multiplication*, Avignon, France, in collaboration with Nadine Sures with Zico House, Beirut, Lebanon, produced by Canada for Arts

La Multiplication, Synagogue de Paris, in collaboration with Nadine Sures and Zico House, Beirut, Lebanon, produced by Canada for Arts

La Multiplication, La Grande Mosquée de Paris, in collaboration with Nadine Sures and Zico House, Beirut, Lebanon, produced Canada for Arts

(\*) La Multiplication, St Eustace Church, in collaboration with Nadine Sures and Zico House, Beirut, Lebanon, produced by Canada for Arts

La Culla, Flow Friends performance series during the opening week of La Biennale di Venezia, in the context of FLOW – a work in motion by Pia Myrvold, Venice, Italy

Le Baptême, La Nuit des Galeries 2011, Parcours Nomade, Paris, France

(\*) La Veglia, private collection, Paris, France

Fil, with Sylvie Lobato, collaboration with Supermarket Monoprix République, Paris, France, produced by Mairie de Paris

#### 2010

La Focara, Nuit Blanche 2010, Paris, France

SPLASH! La Dolce Vita in Paris, Paris, France

2009

*Il Capitano*, Slick Art Fair, Le 104, Paris, France, produced by Lacen Galerie

*Tentatives de résurrection*, La Nuit des Musées, Parcours Nomades, Paris, France, produced by Lacen Galerie

2008

Zèza, Teatri di Vetro Festival, Rome, Italy, produced by Romaeuropa La Festa di Santa Barbara, Zawirowania Festival, Warsaw, Poland, produced by Zawirowania

La Festa di Santa Barbara, Metateatro, Rome, Italy, produced by Metateatro

2007

La Festa di Santa Barbara, Teatro Civile Festival, Foggia, Italy, produced by Teatro Civile Festival

La Festa di Santa Barbara, Ubusettete Festival, Rialto, Rome, Italy, produced by Ubusettete

(\*) La Festa di Santa Barbara, Teatri di Vetro, Theater Palladium, Rome, Italy, produced by Romaeuropa

## **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2023

Amami Alfredə, curated by Marta Ponsa, Alberta Pane Gallery, Paris, France

2022

Tales from the South, curated by Paola Ugolini, in collaboration with CNAP and Alberta Pane Gallery, Richard Saltoun Gallery, London, UK

2019

Nel blu dipinto di blu, Alberta Pane Gallery, Paris, France

2018

Gradiva, D.A.F.NA. Home Gallery, Naples, Italy

2016

La Sacra Famiglia, Archeological Museum of Naples, Naples, Italy

La Sacra Famiglia, Alberta Pane Gallery, Paris, France

La Sacra Famiglia, DAFNA Home Gallery, Naples, Italy

La Sacra Famiglia, Le Toboggan, Décine, Lyon, France

2015

To be or not to be, in collaboration with Bill Viola, Laure Roynette Gallery, Paris, France

2014

Mamma Mia, Slick Attitude Art Fair, Laure Roynette Gallery, Paris, France FASE REM, Laure Roynette Gallery, Paris, France

2013

Wool and Roses – Trilogie de l'enfermement , Laure Roynette Gallery, Paris, France

### **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

#### 2024

Question (non) è un museo 2, curated by Claudio Zecchi and Paolo Mele, Kora Contemporary Arts Center, Puglia, Italy

La Bellezza non esiste, Prometeo Gallery Ida Pisani, Milano, Italy Sortir le travail de sa nuit, Centre de création contemporaine Olivier Debré, Tours, France

### 2023

Think tank: REPRODUCTIVE AGENTS, group show, curated by Florencia Cherñajovsky, Museo Madre, Naples, Italy

Moi-même (faute de mieux), Alberta Pane Gallery, Paris, France

#### 2022

À mains nues, MAC VAL museum, Vitry-sur-Seine, France

Detour 2.0, Moleskine Foundation, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France

#### 2020

*Utopia Distopia: il mito del progresso partendo dal Sud*, Museo Madre, Naples, Italy

*Materiche,* Chiostro del Museo del '900 M9, in collaboration with Venice Galleries View, Mestre/Venice, Italy

#### 2019

Jardinons Les Possibles, curated by Isabelle de Maison Rouge et Ingrid Pux, Les Grandes Serrès de Pantin, Pantin, France

Tutto ci sfugge, curated by Claudio Zecchi, Fondation RAMDOM/ Lastation, The Armory Show, Alberta Pane Gallery, New York, USA Gagliano del Capo, Italy

Vive le Cinéma / Spazi aperti alla visione / Festival du Cinema Français at Lecce, curated by Lorenzo Madaro, Lecce, Italy

Food Future Art, curated by by Norbert Nobis and Harro Schmi Kulturzentrum Faust, Hannover, Germany Intérieurs sur mesure, Alberta Pane Gallery, Paris, France

#### 2018

Voyage à Naples, duo-show with Hermann Nitsch, Alberta Pane Gallery, Venice, Italy

Something Else OFF, Biennale Cairo, curated by Simon Njami, DARB 1718 Art Center, Cairo, Egypt

Weniger Ist Mehr / Less Is More, curated by Maya Sachweh, Galerie Du Crous, Paris, France

Vertiges, curated by Léa Bismuth, Labanque, Bethune, France
Tissage, tressage, Fondation Villa DATRIS, Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, Avignon,
France

Recto/verso #2, Le Secours populaire à la Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, France

De fils ou de fibres, CAC Abbaye Saint André - Centre d'art contemporain, Meymac, France ARCO, Alberta Pane Gallery, Madrid, Spain

#### 2017

Intériorités, curated by Léa Bismuth, La Banque, Béthune, France Le désir, Alberta Pane Gallery, Venice, Italy
Disparition, with João Vilhena, Alberta Pane Gallery, Paris, France

2016

Così fan tutte, curated by Giulia Casalini, Video Art, Biblioteca Civica di Verona, Italy

Fundamental Mediation, Biennale Poznan, Pologne

The golden brain, Edmond and Lily Safra Center, Geneva, Switzerland

Land Art Mongolia (LAM), Mongolia

Mamma Mia, Poznan Biennale, Poland

Session, Alberta Pane Gallery in collaboration with Back Slash Gallery, Paris, France

Frenelmont Contemporary Art Festival, Château de Frenelmont, Belgium

Une partie de campagne, with Alberta Pane Gallery, Chassagne-

Montrachet, France

Artissima, Alberta Pane Gallery, Turin, Italy

Ger, curated by Valentina Levy, Land Art Mongolia (LAM), Mongolia

Biennial, Mongolia

Poznan Biennale, curated by Valentina Levy, Poznan, Poland

2015

Serendipity, Laure Roynette Gallery, Paris, France

2013

Performance, empreintes et passage à l'acte, curated by Mehdi Brit, La Friche Belle de Mai, Marseille capital of culture 2013, Le Cartel, Marseille, France

Unlimited Bodies, curated by Thierry Forien, London, UK

The metamorphosis of the virtual, during the opening week of La

Biennale di Venezia, Officina delle Zattere, Venice, Italy

2012

Noli me Tangere, curated by Raffaella Barbato, Disturb, Naples, Italy

Les états limites, 7.5 Club, Paris, France

2011

Resistence, curated by Moataz Nasar, Darb 1718 art center, Cairo,

Egypt

**EDUCATION** 

2023

PhD in anthropology, EHESS, Paris, France

2008

MA DAMS, Rome 3 University, Rome, Italy

2004

BA DAMS, Rome 3 University, Rome, Italy

2003-2007

Choreographer and Art director

Dancer

Art director Luigi Squarzina's assistant (Opera Theatre Rome, Italy)

1999

Diploma Royal Academy of Dance of London (method), UK

## **PUBLICATIONS**

2019

*Mediterraneo*, monograph catalogue, with a text of Elisabetta Barisoni, Director of Galleria Internazionale Ca' Pesaro of Venice, Alberta Pane editions, Paris/Venice

2017

Le désir, Alberta Pane editions, Venice

2013

Wool and roses. Trilogie de l'enfermement, Romina De Novellis, La Camera Verde, Rome

## PRIZES and RESIDENCIES

2023

Prix Carta Bianca 2023 Art & Nature, Prize winner, Paris, France

2021

Fondation Camargo residency, Cassis, France

2018

Fondation RAMDOM, artist residence, with the support of SIAE/ MIBACT, Gagliano del Capo, Italy

2017

Tuttoteatro International Performing Arts Award, for the artist's 10 year career, Rome, Italy

2012

EHESP (École des Hautes Études en Santé Publique) scholarship, Autism and performance, behaviours outside the body, as part of the PhD at the EHESS in Paris in performance anthropology

2011

Canada for Arts Scholarship, Beirut, Lebanon

2009

Residence at CND Paris, Atelier Carolin Carlson, Micadanses, Paris, France

## **CONFERENCES AND TALKS (selection)**

2023

Gestes et contre-rituels : performer le rite, performance art training, In the context of the DERDEK project, in partnership with Le Cube -Independent art room, Rabat, Morocco

Corpus Mordus : entre performance et Méditerranée, seminar, In the context of the seminar series 'Les arts en Afrique et dans ses diasporas : pratiques, savoirs, mobilités', Cité internationale des arts, Paris, France

2022

The Last Supper Project – A Mediterranean Ecofeminist Dinner, screening and talk, In the context of Les Écrans Documentaires, festival, A discussion between Romina De Novellis, Barbara Formis, Guillaume le Blanc, Chiara Vecchiarelli, Mara Montanaro and Susan Dabbous, Espace Jean Vilar, Arcueil, France

Meeting with artist Romina De Novellis, in the context of Les Écrans Documentaires, festival, MAC VAL – Musée d'Art Contemporain du Val-de-Marne, Vitry-sur-Seine, France

*Tou.te.s sorcières*, project for a new print dedicated to the International Women's Rights Day 2022, MAC VAL museum, Vitry-sur-Seine, France

#### 2021

Romina De Novellis in conversation with Cristina Grazioli and Guido Bartorelli, Padua University - Department of Cultural Heritage - Department of linguistic and literary studies, Italy

#### 2020

Presentation of the monographic catalog MEDITERRANEO, conversation between Elisabetta Barisoni (Galleria Internazionale d'Arte Moderna Ca' Pesaro) and Romina De Novellis, Galleria Alberta Pane, Venice, Italy

#### 2019

Lumière Matière, international meeting, University of Lille and Fondazione Giorgio Cini

#### 2018

Performance, Fondazione Morra and D.A.F.NA, Naples, Italy I.T.A.C.A., Federico II University of Naples, Sciences Humaines and Social Sciences Naples, Italy

### 2017

Gesture, theatricality and anti-theatricality: the performance beyond the show, Institut ACTE, Sorbonne University, Paris, France

#### 2014

Performance and autism - a monographic study on gesture, EHESS/ EHESP, Paris, France

#### 2013

Romina De Novellis in dialogue with Tassadit Yacine, EHESS, Paris, France

#### 2011

Bicentenary of the birth of François Delsarte, Padua and Verone University, Italy

Romina De Novellis Guerino Mazzola, University of Minneapolis, USA

## **COLLECTIONS**

MAC VAL - Val-de-Marne Contemporary Art Museum, France Claudia Cisneros Collection, Cuba

Flaminia Cerasi Collection, Rome, Italy

Kreëmart Collection, NYC, USA

Meeschaert Foundation, Paris, France Missoni Collection, Milan, Italy

Moleskine Foundation, Milan, Italy

Nanette Gehrig Collection, Munich, Germany Plart Foundation, Naples, Italy

RAMDOM Collection, Gagliano del Capo, Italy

Private collections