

Il Chiostro arte contemporanea opened in 1988 with an exhibition of Filippo De Pisis titled *The events of the minute*, curated by Elena Pontiggia.

In the following years the exhibition activity has seen an alternation between 20<sup>th</sup> century masters as Marino Marini, Francesco De Rocchi, Carlo Carrà, Angelo Del Bon, Mario Sironi, Lucio Fontana and Aroldo Bonzagni, and contemporary artists with individual exhibitions of Jorge Eielson, Ferdinando Greco, Joaquin Roca-Rey, Giancarlo Ossola, Folon, Jorunn Monrad, Franco Marrocco.

In May 2005 the art gallery opened its new location with the exhibition *Communicating with art* with works by Folon, Saul Steinberg and Pino Pascali; it is now located in Viale Santuario, a few meters from the splendid church decorated with frescoes by Bernardino Luini and Gaudenzio Ferrari. The new building from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century also hosts the Chiostro Art Cafè, that could organize cultural events of various kinds.

The gallery premises, visited by various visitors, also thanks to the collateral events, have hosted solo shows of Marco Di Giovanni (November- December 2005), Andy Warhol (April-May 2006), Maria Mulas (October-November 2006), Jorge Eielson (March –April 2007) and the collective exhibition *Ordire trame* curated by Angela Madesani, in collaboration with StudioG7 of Bologna. After the individual exhibition of Piero Gilardi (October 2007) the gallery has presented the collective show *Atelier* with works by international 20<sup>th</sup> century masters (from Morandi to Sironi, from Giacometti to Varlin).

The gallery directors Duilio and Marina Affanni have an important experience in 20<sup>th</sup> century art. But in the last ten years they have also focused on contemporary art. Even if 20<sup>th</sup> century art is part of a different historical, cultural and social context, their deep knowledge of this genre has oriented the choice towards artists who combine a contemporary approach with old-style commitment.

Among the contemporary artist who are promoted by the art gallery, We find: Marco Di Giovanni, Andrea Facco, Arcangelo, Elisabeth Scherffig, Jorunn Monrad, Ferdinando Greco, Franco Marrocco, Ketty Tagliatti, Alberto Storari.

Il Chiostro has got the exclusive for Jorge Eielson and the director Marina Affanni manages also the Archives of this Peruvian artist.

You could also find some photographers as Lelli e Masotti, Luigi Ghirri, Gabriele Basilico, Paola Mattioli and Uliano Lucas. All exhibitions presented have been documented by catalogues or books, to explain and provide a good analysis of the visual selection.