

Press Release

Fragile, Handle with Care: Giampiero Romanò's first solo exhibition in Dubai

The Italian artist Romanò represents a journey to parallel temporal universes through intervening in antique frames and mirrors

Dubai: 3 May 2023: Zawyeh Gallery (Dubai) - in collaboration with Sara Simonit Contemporary - is pleased to announce the opening of Giampiero Romanò's solo exhibition "Fragile, Handle with Care" on 20 May 2023. The exhibition showcases the Italian artist's artworks based on his skills in restoration and preservation. The artworks' materials consist mainly of antique frames and mirrors and represent a journey to parallel temporal universes.

The works seem as if each has a life and character of its own, but they are all united under the artist's attempt to break the monotony and uniformity of "the classic" antiques which can be referred to as history. One can sense a motion of rebellion in the artworks that contradicts the very material of antiques, they are made of.

After restoring and preserving old frames Romanò adds his master touch to the works by fragmenting the mirrors and frames and making a fundamental change to their nature before putting them back together again in new forms.

The artist suggests that the old antique frames represent history while the mirrors in the artworks represent "us" or the people with their multiple images and variable lives. "We, human beings are the mirror, the element that should give cohesion to the frame which is our history," he says.

Romanò was born in 1973. His works are based on antique pieces, mostly mirrors old frames, and furniture. He produced several artworks under the title Antichità 3000. His solo exhibitions include: 'INSIDE YOU' (2022) at Mucciaccia Contemporary, London; a solo exhibition with the artist Norbert Brunner (2021) at Mucciaccia Contemporary, New York. He participated in two collective exhibitions: PlanXartgallery collective exhibition Dubai, '64 years of art in DIFC' (2020) organized by 71 Structuralart; 'Out of Line' (2019) collective exhibition in collaboration with the artist CB Hoyo, PlanX art gallery, Milan.

The exhibition continues daily until 17 September 2023.



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