

### CASAGALLERIA MONTEGENEROSO YURI CATANIA



Yuri Catania: Serie The Black Flower Secret Garden / Photography, 60 x 90 cm, 2020

#### CasaGalleria MonteGeneroso presents the "Black Flower Secret Garden" by Yuri Catania.

An intimate photographic journey that reveals blooming flowers swallowed by the darkness of a dreamlike garden in Ticino. This project was created during the first Lockdown in March 2020, Yuri Catania carefully observed the world around him, surrounded by luminous and colourful flowers floating in a dreamlike and intimate - typical of the night hours - dimension. In his constant search for uniqueness and the desire to combine different means of expression, Catania intervenes in the photographs. Some he alters with painterly interventions, others by inserting female figures. These were digitally modelled in 3D. They are symbolic women who, sleeping in the tranquillity of nature and surrounded by flowers, rediscover their essence free from beauty stereotypes, racial prejudices, and sexual objectification.



#### Artist biography

Yuri Catania is a Swiss Italian visual artist. He started to work as a photographer and video director in the field of fashion and luxury. Due to the countless trips around Asia, mostly in Japan and the United States, being in contact with different people, cultures, and landscapes, his outlook evolved quickly. And thus, the media of photography has become not enough for his creativity that has deviated into new languages like digital manipulation, lettering, painting, and collages. Yuri Catania set a tone for his career when the art curator Renè Julien Praz invited him to exhibit at Palais de Tokyo firstly and, at the Galerie Perrotin two years later. Catania research the beauty of life in the small things showing a realistic vision of this time.

Artists of the gallery: Giorgio Galimberti (Ita), Tyler Mitchell (American), Lorenzo Petrantoni (Ita), Takashi Murakami (Japanese), Jack Burton (Welsh), Damien Hirst (British), Daniel Arsham (American), Banksy (British), Ed Ruscha (American)



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## YURI CATANIA studio

#### **Exhibitions:**

2021: "I Gatti di Rovio" - solo exhibition and street art performance in collaboration with the Municipality of Rovio in Switzerland - from May 20th

2021: American Flag: Videogame - solo exhibition at Artrust Gallery Switzerland - from May 10 to July 16th - curator Patrizia Cattaneo Moresi

2020: ART RIGHTS PRIZE December 16th to March 2021 United States of Sicily is one of the finalist of Art Rights Prize Jury: Marine Tanguy Founder Start Agency, Denis Curti Gallerist, Lorenza Castelli Exhibition Director Virtual Show

2018-2019 CENTRO CULTURALE CANDIANI Nov. 9th 2018 until Jan. 27th 2019 No Fashion Places of America curator Elisabetta Da Lio e Silvia Torricelli Venezia, ITALY

2018 LEICA Galerie & Store Milano LEICA TALK with YURI CATANIA Human Light Message project curator Leica Team Milano, ITALY

2017 OFFICINE FOTOGRAFICHE MILANO September 21, 2017 - October 13, 2017 No Fashion Places of America curator Livia Corbò Milan, ITALY

2017 #WITHREFUGEES by UNHCR c/o spazio Big Santa Marta Milan, ITALY

2017 MIA PHOTO FAIR curator Fabio Castelli Milan, ITALY

2017 No Fashion Places, Château Monfort Milan, ITALY

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#### STUDIO

2016 Photo 16, at Maag Hallen curator Adrian Ehrat Zurich, SWITZERLAND

2016 ART IS HOPE curator Renè Julien Praz c/o Perrotin Gallery, Paris, FRANCE

2016 MIA PHOTO FAIR curator Fabio Castelli Milan, ITALY

2015 No Fashion Places Of America Milan, ITALY

2013 No Fashion Places, at Palais de Tokyo curator Renè Julien Praz Paris, FRANCE

2011 No Fashion Places at White Show Milan, ITALY

2007 No Fashion Places at Antonioli Milano, ITALY

#### Awards:

2020 - Special Mention for Contatto #EOCloseNAture contest organised by Eyes Open Mag 2017 - Special Mention for "Asia Argento, un'attrice, un set e il cinema" at Centro Candiani Venezia

2016 - Bloom Award Art Fair Colonia Nominee

2014 - First Prize for the Best Fashion Movie of the year - Milan International Film Festival

2012 - Highest Honor - Black & White Spider Award

2008 - Honorable Mention Award - Premio Fotografico Italiano

2007 - Awarded the Premio Fotografico Italiano - best still life.

#### **Publications:**

No Fashion Places of America. 1 edizione 100 copie autografate. Self Published. 2015. No Fashion Places of America. 2 edizione. Propelled by Pixartprinting 2016. Marfa, Marfa, Marfa. Manifesto. Self Published. 2018.

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