



## **FRANCO DONAGGIO**

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

Franco Donaggio was born in Chioggia, in the province of Venice, in 1958. In 1979 Donaggio moved to Milan, where he began working creatively in the field of advertising and graphic design. In 1980 he opened his own photographic studio in the city. His high skill and constant experimentation in all the darkroom and shooting techniques soon lead the author to study in depth new aesthetic languages, which constantly renew his professional and creative level. In 1992 he is awarded the 'Pubblicità Italia' price for still life photography. In 1995 he realizes his first major project called 'Metaportraits', thanks to which he wins the Italian 'Kodak Gold Award' for creativity portrait in 1996. At the same time, he is invited to carry out several creative prestigious projects like calendars, brochures and advertising campaigns for national and international business companies. Donaggio dedicates himself more and more to fine art photography and starts a close collaboration with 'Joel Soroka Gallery' in Aspen, which represents him for the North American sales collection market. Since then, he has attended the principal photo art trade fairs through the United States such as 'Photo LA', Los Angeles, 'Aipad show', New York, 'Art FAir Chicago'. Donaggio's fine art works have been exhibited in numerous Italian, European and North American galleries and museums and some of his photographs are included in several public and private art collections.

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

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### 2011

**Museo Civico**, Chioggia, Italy

*Reflections*. Catalogue.

**Spazio Rem**, Milano, Italy

*Urbis*.

**Civica Fototeca Nazionale**, Sesto S. Giovanni, Italy

*Station*.

### 2010

**Joel Soroka Gallery**, Aspen, CO

*Before the Dawn*.

**Green Days** - Piazza Garibaldi, Ravenna, Italy

*Reflections*.

### 2009

**Centro Culturale Candiani**, Mestre, Italy

*Reflections*.

**Galleria Wabi**, Milano, Italy

*Before the Dawn*.

**AD Place**, Venezia, Italy

*Before the Dawn*.

**Abbazia di Pomposa**, Ferrara, Italy

*Reflections*.

**Spazio espositivo Virgilio Carbonari**, Seriate, Italy

*Before the Dawn*. Catalogue.

## 2008

**Waterland - Benham Gallery**, Seattle WA

*Reflections. Catalogue.*

**Galerie Célal**, Paris, France

*Reflections. Catalogue.*

## 2007

**'Lucca Photofest'**, Palazzo Guinigi, Lucca, Italy

*Reflections.*

**Joel Soroka Gallery**, Aspen CO

*Reflections.*

## 2006

**'Foianofotografia'**, Foiano della Chiana, Italy

*Urbis. Catalogue.*

## 2004

**Joel Soroka Gallery**, Aspen.

*Urbis.*

## 1998

**Museo Gracco**, Pompei, Italy

*Metaritratti.*

## 1997

**Spazio Agfa**, Milano, Italy

*Metaritratti.*

**ONIRICA - Spazio Bramante**, Fermignano, Italy

## 1996

**Spazio Fiaf**, Schio, Italy

*Metaportraits.*

**Melkweg Gallery**, Amsterdam, Holland

*Metaportraits.*

**Joel Soroka Gallery**, Aspen, CO

*Metaportraits.*

**Spazio culturale 'Maison des Arts'**, Laon, France

*Metaportraits.*

**Museo Civico**, Rovigno, Croatia

*Metaportraits.*

**Centro Culturale**, Pisino, Croatia

*Metaportraits.*

**Museo Popolare**, Pinguente, Croatia

*Metaportraits.*

**Galleria del Centro Culturale Francese**, Palermo, Italy

*Metaportraits.*

**Galerie Patrik Vicqueray**, Bruxelles, Belgium

*Metaportraits.*

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

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### 2011

#### **54° ESPOSIZIONE INTERNAZIONALE D'ARTE DELLA BIENNALE DI VENEZIA PADIGLIONE ITALIA** a cura di Vittorio Sgarbi

Palazzo delle Esposizioni - Sala Nervi, Torino, Italy

*Before the Dawn.*

#### «**MELODY AND PASSION OF MEDITERRANEAN ITALY, SPAIN**»

*Metaportraits - Urbis - Reflections*

**Manege Museum**, St. Petersburg, Russia - catalogue. **Masterclass.**

*Nino Migliori, Franco Donaggio, Gabriele Croppi, Frank Dituri, Fabio Donato, Francesco Cito, Franco Carlisi...*

#### **FOTO / GRAFIA**

*Reflections*

**Galleria Elleni**, Bergamo, Italy

*Gabriele Basilico, Gianni Berengo Gardin, Gianni Bertini, Maurizio Buscarino, Mario Cresci, Bruno Di Bello, Franco Donaggio, Franco Fontana, Elio Mariani, Aldo Tagliaferro, Giorgio Sorti, Gian Paolo Tomasi.*

**A.I.P.A.D. Show**, New York

Group show at Joel Soroka Gallery.

### 2010

**Forte di Bard**, Valle d'Aosta, Italy

'**Seeing Space**' – *Urbis*. Catalogue.

*Gabriele Basilico, Stefania Beretta, John Davies, Franco Donaggio, Maurizio Galimberti, Andrea Garuti, Occhiomagico, Margherita Spiluttini, Vlădimir Sutiăghin.*

**Casa d'arte Artribù**, Rome, Italy

*Reflections.*

**L'incanto del paesaggio - Galleria Elleni**, Bergamo, Italy

*Before the Dawn. Catalogue.*

**ASAV 100, 2004-2009 - Sala Espositiva "Virgilio Carbonari"** Palazzo Comunale, Seriate, Italy

Opere acquisite alla collezione pubblica. Catalogue.

## **2009**

**Cristiani Art Gallery**, Torino, Italy

*Sedimenti.*

**Turin Photo Festival 2009 - Galleria Ikebò**, Torino, Italy

*Reflections. Catalogue.*

**Immagimondo, Centro Culturale Fatebenefratelli**, Valmadrera, Italy

*Before the Dawn.*

**SEEING SPACE – Urbis:**

**Palazzo Foscolo**, Oderzo, Italy

**Palazzo Sertoli**, Sondrio, Italy

**Palazzo San Domenico**, Crema, Italy

**Museo 'La Civitella'**, Chieti, Italy

**Fortezza del Priàmar**, Savona, Italy

Catalogue.

**Ex chiesa Mater Misericordiae**, Casale Monferrato, Italy

**5 VISIONI D'ARTISTA**, una città senza confini. Evento con mostra e proiezioni video.

*Franco Donaggio, Maurizio Galimberti, Gabriele Croppi, Luciano Bobba, Enrico Stefanelli.*

Catalogo.

**Galleria Belvedere**, Milano, Italy

**'Prima Visione'** *Before the Dawn.*

## 2008

**Galerie Celàl**, Paris, France

'**Photographies**', *Reflections* - '**Paris Photo**'.

**Lingotto di Torino** - '**UIA World Congress**', Torino, Italy

'**Seeing Space**', *Urbis*.

*Gabriele Basilico, Stefania Beretta, John Davies, Franco Donaggio, Maurizio Galimberti, Andrea Garuti, Occhiomagico, Margherita Spiluttini, Vlădimir Sutiăghin*

30 giugno - 3 luglio. Catalogue.

**Wave Photogallery**, Brescia, Italy

'**Photography People**'. *Urbis*.

## 2007

**Museo Centrale Montemartini**, Rome, Italy

'**Il Diaframma di Lanfranco Colombo, una storia Italiana**', *Metaportraits*

**Photo LA 2007**, Los Angeles

Group show at Joel Soroka Gallery.

**A.I.P.A.D. Show**, New York

Group show at Joel Soroka Gallery.

## 2005

**Chicago Art Fair**, Chicago

Group show at Joel Soroka Gallery.

**Photo LA 2005**, Los Angeles, LA

Group show at Joel Soroka Gallery.

## 2002

**Castello Sforzesco**, Sala Viscontea, Milano, Italy

'**I diritti dei bambini**'.

## 2001

**Museo d'Arte Moderna**, Gazoldo degli Ippoliti, Mantova, Italy  
*'Paesaggi della Mente e dell'Anima'*. *Station*. Catalogue.

## 2000

**A.I.P.A.D. Show**, New York  
Group show at Joel Soroka Gallery.

## 1998

**Museo della Scienza e della Tecnica Leonardo da Vinci**, Milano, Italy  
*'(R)evolution'*. Catalogue.

## 1997

Polizzi Generosa, Palermo, Italy  
*'Incontri Professionali Mediterranei'*  
*Metaportraits*. Catalogue.

## 1996

**Palazzo Vendermini**, Forlì, Italy  
*'Il Ritratto Maltrattato'*  
*Metaportraits*.

## 1995

**Galleria Il Diaframma Kodak**, Milano, Italy  
*'Il Ritratto Maltrattato'*  
*Metaportraits*.

## 1994

**Galleria del Credito Valtellinese**, Milano, Italy  
*'C'è ancora spazio per l'ottimismo? Cento fotografi per un'idea'*  
Catalogue.

## **AWARDS**

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**1996** 'Kodak Gold Award' per la creatività nel ritratto.

**1992** 'Gran Prix Pubblicità Italia' per la fotografia di still life.

## **REVIEWS**

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VIS a VIS - France

PHOTO REVIEW - U.S.A.

POETRY REVIEW - U.S.A

PHOTODOM MAGAZINE - Taiwan

D e D - Australia

LA FOTOGRAFIA - Spaign

PRO LIGHTING - Britain

FOTO REFLEX - Mexico

ARTE - Italy

LUK - Italy

ARTE 2000 - Italy

LINEAGRAFICA - Italy

GENTE DI FOTOGRAFIA - Italy

ZOOM - Italy

LA CLESSIDRA - Italy

FOTOPRATICA IMMAGINI - Italy

PROGRESSO FOTOGRAFICO - Italy

IL FOTOGRAFO - Italy

FOTO CULT - Italy

AGFA CLIP MAGAZINE - Italy

TUTTI FOTOGRAFI - Italy

GLOBAL - Italy

LIVING IN MILAN - Italy

AVVENIRE – Italy

## **COLLECTIONS**

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*Collezione Fendi - Roma*

*Bibliothèque Nationale de France - Parigi*

*Collezione della Famiglia Reale Saudita - Arabia Saudita*

*Centro Internazionale di Fotografia Scavi Scaligeri - Verona*

*Collezione della Fondazione 3M - Milano San Felice*

*Museo di Casale Monferrato - Casale Monferrato*

*Collezione pubblica ASAV - Seriate*

## **ESSAYS**

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Roberto Mutti, Italo Zannier, Denis Curti, Maiter Ferrario, Mariateresa Cerretelli, Fausto Raschiatore, Umberto Armiraglio, Cecilia Ci, Luciano Bobba, Rosanna Checchi, Gianna Braghin, Giovanni Baule, Roberto Tomesani, Barbara Cinquanta, Amedeo Sessa, Rino Giardiello, Simone Soldera, Carlos Alcatraz, H. Manfred Butler, Helena Tovar Gálvez.

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