

Gianfranco Meggiato

Gianfranco Meggiato was born on 26 August 1963 in Venice where he attended the State Institute of Art studying stone, bronze, wood and ceramic sculpture. Invited at the age of 16 and 21 by the City of Venice, he exhibited three sculptures at the Bevilacqua La Masa Municipal Gallery in Piazza San Marco.

In his work, Meggiato looks at the great masters of the 900: Brancusi for his research into the essential, Moore for the internal-external relationship of his maternity and Calder for the opening to the space of his works. Space, in fact, enters the works of Meggiato and the void becomes as important as the full.



The artist models his sculptures inspired by the biomorphic fabric and the labyrinth, which symbolizes the tortuous path of man in his search to find himself and reveal his own precious inner sphere. Meggiato thereby invents the concept of “introsculpture” in which the gaze of the observer is drawn towards the interiority of the work, not limiting itself only to external surfaces. “On a formal level, space and light do not delimit the work, sliding them around like a roundabout, but they penetrate inside, enveloping the lattices and tangles and coming to illuminate the central sphere as the ideal point of arrival”.



As of 1998, Meggiato began to take part in exhibitions and art fairs in Italy and abroad: USA, Canada, Great Britain, Denmark, Germany, Belgium, Holland, France, Austria,

Switzerland, Spain, Portugal, Principality of Monaco, Ukraine, Russia, India, China, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, South Korea, Singapore, Taipei and Australia.

Between 2007 and 2009, several personal exhibitions and institutional events were dedicated to him: from the Museum of Musical Instruments in Rome to the Palazzo del Senato in Milan and the Museo Correr (Biblioteca Marciana) in Venice, not to mention participation in Open 10, International Sculpture Exhibition at the Lidio in Venice, he also took part in the exhibition of monumental sculptures "Plaza" of Milan, (twentieth anniversary of the collapse of the Berlin Wall).

In 2010, he installed a monumental sphere on the GEOX Breath Building in Milan and was also invited to a personal exhibition at UBS BANK in Lugano.

In 2011 and 2013, he was invited to the Venice Biennale in the national pavilions.

In 2012, on the occasion of Art Bre in Cap Martin, his monumental Enigma Sphere 6 metres tall. It was presented to Prince Albert of Monaco and subsequently exhibited in the port of Montecarlo.

In 2014, the Lu.C.C.A. Center of Contemporary Art hosted a solo exhibition of the artist and invited him to take part in the group show Inquieto Novecento: Vedova, Vasarely, Christo, Cattelan, Hirst and the genesis of the third millennium.

In December 2016, he exhibited a monumental sculpture: Sfera Sirio (2 metres in diameter) in Miami Bayfront Park.



In February 2017, in the majestic sixteenth-century monumental complex of the Misericordia School in Venice, a major anthological exhibition with more than 50 works was inaugurated. Also in the same year, in June, the MARCA museum in Catanzaro

Inaugurated a major exhibition dedicated to Gianfranco Meggiato organized in the four most important locations in the city: Marca, Scolacium, Musmi and Marca Open with "The Garden of the Silent Muses" – an installation measuring twenty metres in diameter that involved placing eight monumental works within a labyrinth made up of 4,000 jute bags. The most impressive work: My Free Thought (4 metres tall) was installed permanently in the International Sculpture Park.

Scolacium in August was home to the opera "CARMEN" with a stage design by Meggiato. In the same month, he was selected to exhibit at the 20th anniversary of the OPEN 20 International Exhibition of Sculptures and Installations in conjunction with the Venice Film Festival.

In October, he was awarded the prestigious ICOMOS-UNESCO award "for having masterfully combined the ancient and contemporary in sculptural installations of great evocative power and aesthetic value".

Also in the same month, on the occasion of Pistoia-Italian capital of culture, Meggiato was invited to exhibit in Piazza Duomo with his installation: Il Mio Pensiero Libero-Le Muse Silenti.

In 2018, he was invited with his installation "The Spiral of Life" to Manifesta 12 Collateral, the European Itinerant Biennial of Contemporary Art and Culture in Palermo Italian Capital of Culture 2018.



In 2019 he was invited to Matera, where he staged from 15 July to 10 September “IL GIARDINO DI ZYZ” on the Belvedere Murgia Timone which – with

5000bags decorated with the 7 colors of peace and six monumental sculptures – was the largest installation in “Matera European Capital of Culture 2019”.

Promoted by: Ente Parco della Murgia-Timone, ITRIA, Municipality of Matera and sponsored by: Matera 2019 Foundation, Basilicata Region, Basilicata APT, Lu.CCA Lucca contemporary art museums, MARCA of Catanzaro and Greenaccord, The Garden of Zyz – with its “Hand of Fatima” for Muslims, Miriam for Jews, Mary for Orthodox Church and more generally for Christians– sought to be a meeting point between cultures often at odds with each other in the past.

In July and August, Meggiato set up the installation “MUSE SILENTI” in the capital of sculpture: Piazzetta San Martino, Pietrasanta, under the bell tower of Michelangelo, with the patronage of the Municipality of Pietrasanta.

Exhibitions:

2019

Institutional events: Installation “IL GIARDINO DI ZYZ” Belvedere Murgia Timone, “Matera European Capital of Culture”, ITALY, Promoted by: Ente Parco della Murgia-Timone, Comune di Matera, Associazione interculturale ed interreligiosa ITRIA;
Patrons: Fondazione Matera 2019, Regione Basilicata, APT Basilicata, musei d’arte



contemporanea Lu.CCA di Lucca, MARCA di Catanzaro, Fondazione Rocco Guglielmo, Greenaccord.

“LE MUSE SILENTI”, piazzetta San Martino, Campanile di Michelangelo, Pietrasanta, ITALY. Organised by Galleria Enrico Paoli with the patronage of Pietrasanta City Council.

Museum exhibitions: “IL MIO PENSIERO LIBERO” h.4, 00 mt permanent installation in the Marca Open International Sculpture Park, Catanzaro. ITALY

Exhibitions with monumental works: Positano, Capri, Liquid Art System, ITALY – Mykonos, Hofa Gallery, GREECE – Athens, Artion Galleries, GREECE.

Art shows: Art Palm Beach, USA – Palm Beach Modern and Contemporary, USA – Art New York, USA – Los Angeles Art Show, USA – LAPADA Art & Antiques Fair, London, UK – KIAF Seoul, KOREA – Art Central Hong Kong, HONG KONG, Art Miami, USA.

Gallery exhibitions: Art Perspective – Artion Galleries – Boccara Art – Bugno Art Gallery – Casa d’Arte San Lorenzo – Continental Art Gallery – Galleria d’Arte Enrico Paoli – Hofa Gallery – Liquid Art System – Mazzoleni Art – Mucciaccia Contemporary – Opera Gallery – Orler Gallerie d’Arte – Momentum Art Gallery – Parkview Art Hong Kong – Sist’Art Gallery – White Room Art System.

2018

Institutional events:

“The spiral of Life”, Manifesta 12 collateral event, The European Nomadic Biennial of



Contemporary Art & Culture, Palermo/ Palermo Italian Capital of Culture 2018, I
Design, ITALY

Museum exhibitions:

Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, USA.

Exhibitions with monumental works:

Couchevel, "L'Art au Sommet", Bartoux Galeries, FRANCE/Cannes, Bartoux Galeries,
FRANCE/Positano, Liquid Art System, ITALY.

Art fairs:

Art Stage Singapore, Palma Art Gallery, SINGAPORE/Art Palm Beach, Boccara Art
Gallery, Ransom Gallery, Palm Beach, USA/Palm Beach Modern and Contemporary,
Boccara Art Gallery, Palm Beach, USA/Art New York, Boccara Art Gallery, New York,
USA/Art Boca Raton, Boccara Art Gallery, New York, USA/ Art Miami, Boccara Art
Gallery, New York, USA

Exhibitions in galleries:

Mazzoleni Arte, Turin/Casa d'Arte San Lorenzo Sardinia/Galleria Mucciaccia, Rome,
Cortina/Liquid Art System, Positano, Capri, Anacapri/Bugno Art Gallery, Venice/Orler
Gallerie d'Arte, Venice/ Galleria d'Arte Enrico Paoli, Pietrasanta/Ransom Gallery,
London/Opera Gallery, London/The House of Fine Art , Mykonos/Artion Art Gallery,
Geneva, Athens, Thessaloniki, Spetses, Cyprus /Continental Art Gallery, Beaulieu Sur
Mer/Momentum Art Gallery, Knokke/Parkview Art Hong Kong

2017



Museum exhibitions:

Solo Show "The Garden of the Silent Muses" International Park of Sculptures Marca

Open, exhibition in: Marca Museum, Musmi Museum, Catanzaro, Archaeological Park Scolacium, Borgia, ITALY

Retrospective exhibitions:

Solo Show "GENESIS", The Misericordia, Orler Gallerie d'Arte, Venice, ITALY

Prizes:

ICOMOS-UNESCO SPECIAL PRIZE FOR ART, "for having masterfully combined the ancient and the contemporary in sculptural installations of great evocative power and aesthetic impact"

Institutional events:

" My Free Thought ", Italian Capital of Culture 2017, Pistoia, ITALY

Installations:

OPEN20, International Exhibition of Sculptures and Installations, Venice, ITALY/

XI Florence Biennale, Florence, ITALY

Set design:

Lyric Opera "CARMEN" ,Archaeological Park Scolacium, Borgia, ITALY

Art fairs:

Arte Fiera Bologna, Mazzoleni Arte, Bologna, ITALY/Scope New York, Ransom Art Gallery, Boccara Art Gallery, New York, USA/Sofa Chicago, Ransom Art Gallery,



Chicago, USA/Scope Miami Beach, Ransom Art Gallery, Boccara Art Gallery, Miami, USA

Exhibitions in galleries:

Mazzoleni Arte, Turin/Casa d'Arte San Lorenzo Sardinia/Galleria Mucciaccia Rome, Cortina/Liquid Art System, Positano, Capri, Anacapri/Bugno Art Gallery, Venice/Orler Gallerie d'Arte, Venice/ Galleria d'Arte Enrico Paoli, Pietrasanta/Ransom Gallery, London/Opera Gallery, London/The House of Fine Art, Mykonos/Artion Art Gallery, Geneve, Athens, Thessaloniki, Spetses, Cyprus/Continental Art Gallery, Beaulieu Sur Mer/Momentum Art Gallery, Knokke/Eternity Gallery, Miami/Bartoux Galeries, Couchevel

2016

Exhibitions with monumental works:

"Sirius Sphere" d 200 cm, Bayfront Park, Miami, USA

Art fairs:

Arte Fiera Bologna, Mazzoleni Arte, Bologna, ITALY/MiArt, Mazzoleni Arte, Milan, ITALY/Art Taipei, Opera Gallery, Taipei/Art Verona, Mazzoleni Arte, Verona, ITALY/BAF Bergamo Arte Fiera, Mazzoleni Arte, Bergamo, ITALY/Arte Padova, Mazzoleni Arte, Turin, ITALY/Context Art Miami, Liquid Art System, Valli Art Gallery, Miami, USA/Scope Miami Beach, Ransom Art Gallery, Miami, USA

Exhibitions in galleries:

Mazzoleni Arte, Turin/Casa d'Arte San Lorenzo Sardinia/Galleria Mucciaccia Rome,



Cortina/Liquid Art System, Positano, Capri e Anacapri/Bugno Art Gallery, Venice/Orler Gallerie d'Arte, Venice/ Galleria d'Arte Enrico Paoli, Pietrasanta/Ransom Gallery, London/Opera Gallery, Singapore, London/Rarity Gallery , Mykonos /Continental Art Gallery, Beaulieu Sur Mer/Momentum Art Gallery, Knokke/Valli Art Gallery, Miami

2015

Art fairs:

Art Paris, Art and Space Gallery, Paris, FRANCE/Art Palm Beach, Pashmin Art Gallery, Miami, USA/Art Stage Singapore, Opera Gallery, SINGAPORE/Art Verona, Mazzoleni Arte, Verona, ITALY/BAF Bergamo Arte Fiera, Mazzoleni Arte, Bergamo, ITALY /Arte Padova, Mazzoleni Arte, Padova, ITALY

Exhibitions in galleries:

Mazzoleni Arte, Turin/Casa d'Arte San Lorenzo Sardinia/Galleria Mucciaccia, Rome, Cortina/ Liquid Art System, Positano, Capri, Anacapri/Bugno Art Gallery, Venice/Orler Gallerie d'Arte, Venice/ Galleria d'Arte Enrico Paoli, Pietrasanta/Ransom Gallery, London/Opera Gallery, Paris, Montecarlo, Dubai, Singapore, Miami /Rarity Gallery , Mykonos /Continental Art Gallery, Beaulieu Sur Mer/Momentum Art Gallery, Knokke/ Galleria d'Arte Portofino/ Hay Hill Gallery, London/Artemundi Galleries, Paris

2014

Museum exhibitions:

“The Freedom of Matter”, Museum of Contemporary Art Lucca, ITALY

“THE RESTLESS TWENTIETH CENTURY”, Museum of Contemporary Art Lucca, ITALY



Solo show of monumental sculptures:

Michelangelo's Bell-tower, Galleria d'Arte Enrico Paoli, Pietrasanta, ITALY

Institutional events:

IV edition of the Month of Culture and Italian Language in the Principality of Monaco,
MONTECARLO

Installations of monumental sculptures:

"Sphere Enigma" h 6 m in the port of Montecarlo

Art fairs:

Yacht and Art, Continental Art Gallery, MONTECARLO

Exhibitions in galleries:

Simon Bart Gallery, Porto Cervo, Poltu Quatu/Orler Gallerie d'Arte, Venice/Art and
Space Gallery, Monaco di Baviera/ Continental Art Gallery, Saint Jean Cap Ferrat/ Hay
Hill Gallery, London/Franco Senesi Fine Art, Positano e Capri/ Galleria d'Arte Enrico
Paoli, Pietrasanta/ Galleria d'Arte Portofino, Portofino/Opera Gallery, Paris,
Montecarlo, Dubai, Singapore, Miami

2013

Institutional events:

The 55th International Art Biennale of Venice , ITALY

Cultural events:

"Art Nocturnal, 5 Elements" Montecarlo, MONACO



Art fairs:

Arte Padova, Padova, ITALY/KIAF, Seoul, COREA/Art Monaco, Montecarlo,
MONACO/Art Beijing, Beijing, CINA/Shanghai Art Fair, Shanghai, CINA

Exhibitions in galleries:

ORLER Gallerie d'Arte, Venice/ Art and Space Gallery, Monaco/ Elene Shchukina
Gallery, London/ Galleria d'Arte Portofino, Portofino/ Galleria il Novecento, Porto
Cervo, Poltu Quatu, Salerno/ Franco Senesi Fine Art, Positano, Capri/ Galleria d'Arte
Enrico Paoli, Pietrasanta/ Paschmin Art Gallery, Hamburg

2012

Installation of monumental works:

Two "Double Sphere" Hotel Ergife, Rome, ITALY/ "Sphere with Sphere" Seoul, COREA
/" Enigma Sphere " d.480cm h.600cm, with the presence of Prince Charles Albert of
Monaco, Cap Martin, FRANCE

Solo shows:

Rubliovka, Art and Space Gallery , Moscow, RUSSIA/ Nanotechnology Centre of the
Russian Federation: Rusnano, Art and Space Gallery , Moscow, RUSSIA

Art fairs:

Arte Padova, Padova/Fine Art Show Los Angeles, Los Angeles USA/ ArtExpo New York,
New York, USA/Art Beijing, Beijing, CINA/ KIAF, Seoul, COREA/ Art Shanghai, Shanghai,
CINA

Exhibitions in galleries:

ORLER Gallerie d'Arte, Venice/ Galleria d'Arte Portofino, Portofino/ Galleria il



Novecento, Porto Cervo, Poltu Quatu, Salerno/ Franco Senesi Fine Art, Positano,
Capri

2011

Institutional events:

The 54th International Art Biennale of Venice, ITALY

Art fairs:

Art Manege, Moscow, RUSSIA/ Art Toronto, Toronto, CANADA/ Shanghai Art Fair,
Shanghai, CINA/Art Beijing, Beijing, CINA/ Arte Padova, Padova / Lille Art Fair, Lille/ Art
Madrid, Madrid, SPAGNA/ Art Monaco, Montecarlo, MONACO/ Art Expo Arezzo,
Arezzo/ India Art Summit, New Delhi, INDIA/

Exhibitions in galleries:

Galleria d'Arte Portofino, Portofino /Galleria il Novecento, Poltu Quatu / Franco Senesi
Fine Art, Positano, Capri/Palma Arte Gallery, Piacenza / Art Lounge Gallery, Lisbon/
ORLER Gallerie d'Arte, Venice

2010

Solo shows:

UBS Bank, Lugano, SWITZERLAND

Installation of monumental works:

Permanent installation of "Sphere with Sphere" placed on the Geox Building, Milan,
ITALY



Art fairs:

Art Manege, Moscow, RUSSIA/Art Canton, Guangzhou, CINA/ Beijing Art Expo, Beijing, CINA/ Art Dubai, Dubai, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES/ Lineart Ghent, Ghent,

BELGIUM/Salon d'Automne, Luxembourg, LUXEMBOURG/Open Art Fair Utrecht, Utrecht, HOLLAND

Exhibitions in galleries:

Energenesi Art Gallery, Venice, Positano/ Galleria il Novecento Poltu Quatu, Salerno/ Biale Cerruti Art Gallery, Siena/ ORLER Gallerie d'Arte, Venice/Palma Art Gallery, Piacenza

2009

Institutional events:

PLAZA: BEYOND THE LIMITS 1989-2009, Milan open-air museum: contemporary art for the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, ITALY/ Kuwait City with the patronage of the Italian Embassy, Kuwait City, KUWAIT

Solo shows:

Red Gallery with the patronage of the Italian Embassy, Dubai, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES "Stratospheric" Clock's Tower – Palazzo Anselmi, Leonart Gallery, Vittorio Veneto, ITALY

Art fairs:

Arte Lisboa Contemporary Art Fair, Lisbon, PORTUGAL / Art Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe,



GERMANIA/ Salon de l'Art Contemporain Luxembourg, LUXEMBOURG / Lineart Ghent, Ghent, BELGIUM/

Exhibitions in galleries:

ORLER Gallerie d'Arte, Venice / Galleria d'Arte Portofino, Portofino / Energenesi Art Gallery, Venice, Positano /Palma Art Gallery, Piacenza

2008

Museum exhibitions:

National Museum of Musical Instruments, Rome, ITALY/The Palazzo del Senato, Milan, ITALY/ Monumental Hall of the Marciana Biblioteca, Museum Correr, Venice, ITALY

Art fairs:

Art Ukraine, Kiev, UCRAINA / Great Sculpture Salon, Kiev, UCRAINA

Exhibitions in galleries:

Energenesi Art Gallery, Venice, Positano, Milan, St.Moritz/ORLER Gallerie d'Arte, Venice

2007

Installations:

OPEN10, International Exhibition of Sculptures and Installations, Venice, ITALY

Art fairs:

Salon de l'Art Contemporain, LUXEMBOURG/Lineart Ghent, Ghent, BELGIUM/ Art Karlsruhe, GERMANY/Holland Art Fair, Den Haag, HOLLAND



Exhibitions in galleries:

Broadway Gallery, New York, USA/ORLER Gallerie d'Arte, Venice/ Gallery 27, London/
Capri Art Gallery, Positano/Palma Art Gallery, Piacenza/Tagliatella Galleries, New
York

2006

Institutional events:

"The Lightness of Sculpture" City of Turin, ITALY

Art fairs:

Salon de l'Art Contemporain Luxembourg, LUXEMBOURG /St'Art Strasbourg,
Strasbourg, FRANCE/Art Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe, GERMANY /Lineart Ghent, Ghent,
BELGIUM

Exhibitions in galleries:

Capri Art Gallery, Positano/Galleria d'Arte Portofino, Portofino/Biale Cerruti Art
Gallery, Siena/ORLER Gallerie d'Arte, Venice/Palma Art Gallery, Piacenza

2005

Art fairs:

St'Art Strasbourg, Strasbourg, FRANCE/Art Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe, GERMANY /Lineart
Ghent, Ghent, BELGIUM/Salon de l'Art Contemporain Luxembourg, LUXEMBOURG
/Holland Art Fair, Den Haag, HOLLAND/Artefiera Udine, Udine, ITALY/Arte Pordenone,
Pordenone, ITALY



Exhibitions in galleries:

ORLER Gallerie d'Arte, Venice/Capri Art Gallery, Capri, Positano/Galleria d'Arte
Portofino, Portofino/ Biale Cerruti Art Gallery, Siena/Palma Art Gallery, Piacenza

2004

Art fairs:

Europ Art Geneve, Geneve, SWITZERLAND/Holland Art Fair, Den Haag,
HOLLAND/Lineart Ghent, Ghent, BELGIUM/Lille Art Fair, Lille, FRANCE/St'Art
Strasbourg, Strasbourg, FRANCE/Salon de l'Art Contemporain Luxembourg,
LUXEMBOURG /Arte Padova, Padova, ITALY/Arte Pordenone, Pordenone, ITALY

Exhibitions in galleries:

Capri Art Gallery, Capri, Positano/Biale Cerruti Art Gallery, Siena/Palma Art Gallery,
Piacenza

2003

Art fairs:

Europ Art Geneve, Geneve, SWITZERLAND/Holland Art Fair, Den Haag,
HOLLAND/Classic Kortrijk, Kortrijk, BELGIUM/Salon de l'Art Contemporain
Luxembourg, LUXEMBOURG /St'Art Strasbourg, Strasbourg, FRANCE/Artefiera Udine,
Udine, ITALY

Exhibitions in galleries:

Capri Art Gallery, Capri, Positano/Palma Art Gallery, Piacenza

2002

**Art fairs:**

Europ Art Geneve, Geneve, SWITZERLAND/Holland Art Fair, Den Haag,
HOLLAND/Lineart Ghent, Ghent, BELGIUM/Salon de l'Art Contemporain Luxembourg,
LUXEMBOURG

Exhibitions in galleries:

Capri Art Gallery, Capri e Positano/JMA Gallery, Vienna/Palma Art Gallery, Piacenza

2001**Cultural Events:**

Palace of the Prisons, Venice, ITALY

Art fairs:

Europ Art Geneve, Geneve, SWITZERLAND/Classic Kortrijk, Kortrijk, BELGIUM/Lineart
Ghent, Ghent, BELGIUM/Holland Art Fair, Den Haag, HOLLAND/Salon de l'Art
Contemporain Luxembourg, LUXEMBOURG

Exhibitions in galleries:

Palma Art Gallery, Piacenza

2000**Art fairs:**

Europ Art Geneve, Geneve, SWITZERLAND/Ghent, Ghent, BELGIUM/Holland Art Fair,
Den Haag, HOLLAND/ Salon de l'Art Contemporain Luxembourg, LUXEMBOURG
/Strasbourg, Strasbourg, FRANCE

Exhibitions in galleries:

Palma Art Gallery, Piacenza

1999



Cultural Events:

"Arte in Villa", Villa Contarini, Piazzola sul Brenta, ITALY

Art fairs:

Arte Padova, Padova, ITALY/Europ Art Geneve, Geneve, SWITZERLAND/Holland Art Fair, Den Haag, HOLLAND/Classic Kortrijk, Kortrijk, BELGIUM/Lineart Ghent, Ghent, BELGIUM/Salon de l'Art Contemporain Luxembourg, LUXEMBOURG /St'Art Strasbourg, Strasbourg, FRANCE/Kunstrai Amsterdam, Amsterdam, HOLLAND

Exhibitions in galleries:

Palma Art Gallery, Piacenza

1998

Art fairs:

Europ Art Geneve, Geneve, SWITZERLAND/Art Fair, Den Haag, HOLLAND/Art Ghent, Ghent, BELGIUM/Salon de l'Art Contemporain Luxembourg, LUXEMBOURG /St'Art Strasbourg, Strasbourg, FRANCE

Exhibitions in galleries:

Palma Art Gallery, Piacenza