

## **From Real to Virtual: The Blurring Lines Between Physical and Digital Art**

**October 13 – November 15, 2022**

Viale Carlo Espinasse, 31, 20156  
Milano

Opening reception: Thursday October 13, 7 p.m.



(*Infinity QR room* by Carolina Toncovich in Espinasse31- Milano)

Espinasse31 Contemporary Art Gallery is delighted to present its first NFT exhibition: ***From Real to Virtual: The Blurring Line Between Physical and Digital Art***. This exhibition, curated by Antonio Castiglioni, features paintings, sculptures, and artistic installations in connection with NFT's, on view at the gallery and minted on various platforms such as Superrare, Foundation, Opensea, Nifty Gateway and Makers place.

The exhibition's multidimensionality aims to highlight the social and cultural changes that our society is undergoing because of the digitalization process. The lines between the material and digital world are becoming increasingly blurred, especially after the global pandemic, and art, as a reflection of our society, has experienced these changes with the birth of the NFTs.

On display from October 13 to November 15, 2022, in Espinasse31 **Milano, Viale Carlo Espinasse31, 20156** the show will also be presented in **Miami, at the Espinasse31 booth at the Context Art Fair during Basel Art Miami** from November 29 to December 5, and in Espinasse31 **Madrid, Calle Fucar 17, 28014** next February during the internationally acclaimed fair ARCO.

The exhibition will take the visitors along a unique journey over three of the rooms covering the gallery. The first room at the entrance will showcase **Carolina Toncovich**'s installation "Chairxion" 2022 in the middle of the *Infinity QR room*, where visitors can access the NFTs of Espinasse31 artists through their smartphones from the QR codes that pervade the entire space.

The second room features the pop and street artists **Lula Goce, Olga Lomaka, Flavio Rossi, and Giuseppe Lo Schiavo**, whose NFT, *Antropogenica*, has recently been projected in time square New York <sup>1</sup>.

Finally, the visitors will be able to discover through the third room an over medium – Photography – with the "Erotic" series of **Simone Monte** which recently saw her digital works exhibited at Time square New York <sup>2</sup>. The project created with the actress, showgirl and TV host **Justine Matera** will feature three works based on **Flavio Gasparini, Stefano Riva and Davide Ambroggio** original photography from which have been created three NFT's and respectively three silkscreens taken from a frame of the digital work, in limited edition and available for purchase on espinasse31 eCommerce [www.espinasse31.com/estore-buy-contemporary-art-online](http://www.espinasse31.com/estore-buy-contemporary-art-online). In the middle of the room the installation "The Wait" by **Marcello Silvestre** emerging from the carpet, designed by artist David Elia for the prestigious rug manufacturers **Sahrai**, for which a special NFT has been created.

All the halls feature the latest generation **Samsung TVs, from Lifestyle TV "The Frame" to the NEO QLED 8K**, which can be connected directly to the NFT platforms and where the NFTs of the show will be screened. All the NFTs of the fair can be seen at the Samsung stand at **Mediaworld in Viale Certosa, 29, 20149 Milano**.

Espinasse31 has always aimed to globalize the artistic dialogue between different cultures and artistic worlds. This unique project applies the same concept to the interconnection between the physical art and the metaverse and invites the viewers to immerse themselves into a journey through innovation and digitalization of the art world.

Notes:

1. Tozzi, A. (13/08/2022) - I criptoartisti si raccontano. Parola a Giuseppe Lo Schiavo. *Artribune*.  
<https://www.artribune.com/progettazione/new-media/2022/08/intervista-criptoartista-giuseppe-lo-schiavo/>
2. Piva.G (20/06/2022) - Foto de Simone Monte é selecionada para exibição internacional de NFTs na Times Square. *Glamurama*.  
<https://glamurama.uol.com.br/cultura-e-entretenimento/foto-de-simone-monte-e-selecionada-para-exibicao-internacional-de-nfts-na-times-square/>

**About Espinasse 31:**

Espinasse31 is an art gallery based in Milan, Madrid, Miami and Monte Carlo, which aims to bring together the voices of artists of very different generations, cultures and poetics, giving life to a space of creation and encounter, where to promote the relationship between photography, urban art, painting and sculpture. A place for multidisciplinary and collaborative dialogue that encourages creative exchange between artists and the local community.

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