

NICOLAJ PENNESTRI – "Beslan's sky"

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Two years after the tragedy happened in Beslan's school n°1, in Ossetia, south of Russia, the Pastificio Cecere Foundation presents today a project by **Nicolaj Pennestri** with the title *Beslan's sky*.

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In July 2005 Nicolaj and two other artists, went to the north of Ossezia to develop a humanitarian mission by the Italian Civil Protection, and with the support of the Pastificio Cerere Foundation

to realize some works for the Pediatric hospital of Vladikavkaz, (Beslan) the hospital that was renovated to give help to the children survivors

Nicolaj Pennestri presents a photographic installation with a strong sense which reveals and tells his emotions.

The work is divided in two conceptual parts.

In the Foundation's courtyard there will be an installation with some wires suspended in the air which bring electricity to 180 light bulbs that represent the victims of the tragedy. Only some of them are illuminated. As the spirits of the children flown in the sky. Other light bulbs are tied to some plastic bags full of water. Full of that substance that has made dehydrate the future of a country from its most prolific good: its own sons. Within the Foundation there is an imaginary tour, a sort of geoemotiv path, made with pictures of the sky overlooking Beslan's mountain, isolating the city in the woods until getting to the school N° 1.

The walls of the school are still standing to testify that a simple picture can be stronger than many other fleeting words, blown upon the sky of every country in the world.