



## CHARTA : A PHOTO-BOOK FESTIVAL

ROME

16 - 24 September 2023

Charta is a festival of contemporary photography, dedicated to the photobook and to the independent publishing. The festival provides for a visual itinerary in which a theme is developed through photo-book exhibitions, by creating an expository tour in different locations in the hearth of San Lorenzo, the Roman art district.

The theme of this edition: Human x Nature, is intended as a reflection on the complex relationship that has always existed between us and nature. Throughout time, human beings have tried to contemplate or dominate it, to understand it or enslave it. Magic, religion, science are only attempts to decipher what surrounds us, to survive the world and ourselves. Nature is a wounded but ever-present mother, who continues to assist us, even if she is now exhausted by our resistance.

Besides the photo-book exhibitions, the festival provides for a rich program of events: editorial previews, installations, exhibitions, portfolio reviews with some of the most important editorial realities of the international scenery and a bookshop that will host Italian and European stores, which are going to promote their editorial products.

It is also offered the opportunity to join the Charta Dummy Award, contest dedicated to anyone who wants to send an unpublished dummy of his/her work. Among the submissions received, it will be selected a shortlist that will be exhibited during the festival.

The winner of the Charta Dummy Award will see his/her project developed and published by Yogurt Editions.

This year the festival networked the most important art spaces in the district. Creating an artistic network that transforms San Lorenzo into a conceptual labyrinth for a week.

Charta will be sharing, education, indepth study. As an attempt to offer a mapping of a cultural industry currently subjected to an intense transformation. And with the purpose to bring back to Rome a festival of contemporary photography of international scope.

### The Spaces

Paper Room - Info Point  
Matéria Gallery - Book Market  
San Lorenzo Café - Soho House – Portfolio Reviews  
Fondazione Pastificio Cerere - Expo  
Galleria delle Arti - Expo  
Bar.lina - Expo  
Galleria 291 Est - Expo  
Accademia Italiana - Expo

## Portfolio Reviews

*Francesco Zizola* / Photographer, Artistic Director  
*Myrtou Steirou* / editor at VOID  
*Jean-Marc Caimi & Valentina Piccinni* / Photographers  
*Chiara Capodici* / Curator & Book Designer  
*Arianna Catania* / Artistic Director at Gibellina On The Road  
*Massimo Mastrorillo* / Photographer and Founder of D.O.O.R.  
*Tommaso Parrillo* / Founder of Witty Books

## Expo

The theme – Human X Nature – is explored through 100 photobooks exhibited in five different shows. Each exhibition hosts video installation. In addition, a travelling exhibition titled Wildness inhabits the spaces of the festival, accompanying the visitors along their itinerary. Wildness, Yogurt Magazine's latest publication, is a visual anthology that gathers international artists who reflect the theme, from different perspectives. The festival is complemented by atmospheric and thematic screenings, and the exhibition of the Charta Award shortlist and the Hong Kong Photo-book Festival, which renews its collaboration with Charta.

The circuit will also display the projects of the students of the IED in Rome, who collaborated with the festival for their students' theses on multidisciplinary research on the festival theme.

## Artistic Direction

Francesco Rombaldi

The festival is conceived and realised by

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a curatorial platform which explores the new languages of contemporary photography.

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