

## VII EDITION PREMIO FONDAZIONE VAF

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**Press Preview:** Thursday April 13 2016 11.00 a.m.  
**Inaugurazione:** Thursday April 13 6 p.m.  
**Public opening: April 14 – May 29 2016**

MACRO Testaccio  
Pavilion 9B  
Piazza Orazio Giustiniani, 4 - Rome

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**Fondazione V.A.F.** is very pleased to announce that the **VII edition of "Premio Fondazione VAF"** will be held in Rome in the spaces of MACRO Testaccio, from April 14 to May 29 2016. The exhibition, promoted by **Roma Capitale - Sovrintendenza Capitolina ai Beni Culturali**, will present works by this year's 15 finalists: **Michele Bubacco, Ottavia Castellina, Alice Cattaneo, Paolo Chiasera, Michael Fliri, Chiara Fumai, Hilario Isola, Andrea Mastrovito, Davide Monaldi, Valerio Rocco Orlando, Gianni Politi, Luigi Presicce, Roberto Pugliese, Alice Ronchi, Mona Lisa Tina.**

The opening of the Rome exhibition, which as usual will travel to other locations in Germany, will also include the award ceremony. The jury, which is made up by members of the Foundation's Scientific Committee, will award one main prize worth 15.000 euro, as well as purchasing a work by the winning artist, which will be included in the Foundation's collection. The previous edition introduced a novelty: besides the main prize, two more awards worth 5000 euro each will be assigned.

The reason behind this prize, assigned by a German Foundation to young under-40 artists, is the will to establish a dialogue that crosses the borders of the two countries and, at the same time, a comparison among different artistic approaches from both nations. The selection of participants is arrived at through a transparent, democratic process: the first presentation of possible candidates, about one hundred, is followed by visits to their studios. Over a couple of months, the members of the Scientific Committee make several trips across Italy to personally see the works of the artists. At the end of this preliminary stage, the information gathered is reported and critically assessed together. A voting procedure leads to the final nomination of the 15 finalists and, at the same time, helps determine the show's contents.

The main goal of Fondazione VAF is to collect, highlight, and give access to modern and contemporary Italian art, from the masterpieces of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to the most recent creative production. Cultural exchanges and creative dialogue between Italy and Germany (and the other German-speaking countries) play a major role in the Foundation's ambitious projects: VAF does not merely lend German museums works from its rich, precious collection of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>-century Italian art, but also publishes academic texts on specific art movements in Italian Modernism, in bilingual (German-Italian) editions. The great artistic value of the collection is witnessed by the Foundation's long-standing collaboration with MART - Museo di Arte Moderna e Contemporanea di Trento e Rovereto, which since 2001 has housed a sizable core of about 2000 works on long-term permanent deposit.

To complement the exhibition, a bilingual (German-Italian) catalogue will be published.

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### **PUBLIC INFO**

**MACRO Testaccio**  
piazza O. Giustiniani 4, Rome  
Time: Tuesday to Sunday, 2 – 8 p.m. (ticket office closes 30 minutes earlier)

### **ENTRANCE FEES**

**MACRO Testaccio**  
Full fee: nonresidents 6,00 €, residents 5,00 €.  
Reduced fee: nonresidents 5,00 €, residents 4,00 €.

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