

## Press Release

**STILLS OF PEACE AND EVERYDAY LIFE, ITALY AND SOUTH KOREA. THE INTERNATIONAL ART AND CULTURE EXHIBITION - 8TH EDITION, IS ALL SET FOR THE GRAND OPENING IN ATRI ON JULY 4, 2021**

**Fondazione Aria is proud to announce the opening of its International Art Festival featuring a team of five curators, fourteen artists, five contemporary art exhibitions and a selection of South Korean movies in original language with Italian subtitles. The inauguration will take place in the amazing Palazzo Acquaviva in Atri, on July 4 and 5 at 06:00 p.m.**

**Fondazione Aria**, in cooperation with the Municipality of Atri and under the direction of **Delloiacono Comunica** agency, announces for the eighth consecutive year, the launch of the Festival of International Cultures "**Stills of Peace and Everyday Life**". After more than a hundred featured artists from Pakistan, Spain, France, China, Morocco, Iran and Japan, **Stills of Peace 2021** comparative journey of knowledge sets a new milestone, turning to **South Korea**, a country with a strong cultural identity, that has its roots in a 5-thousand years history and is experiencing, at the same time, a strong creative and innovative drive, always considered as a sort of bridge between the "Asian tigers" China and Japan.

On **Sunday, July 4**, at **06:00 p.m.**, at **Acquaviva Palace Courtyard**, the opening event of **Stills of Peace Festival**, under the direction of **Giovanna Dello Iacono**, with **Ma.Co. / a Contemporary Marathon**, that in two days will feature representatives of the institutions, curators, artists and an ever growing devoted audience of the annual date organized by **Fondazione Aria** in cooperation with the **Municipality of Atri** for the openings of the five exhibitions in **Cisterne di Palazzo Acquaviva**, **Museo Archeologico** and **Palazzo Cardinal Cicada** venues. The Marathon continues on **Jul. 5** at **06:00 p.m.**, with the guided tour of the three venues of the exposition, and, at **08:30 p.m.**, with the presentation of **Cine Korea**, a film festival curated by **Pino Bruni**, followed by the screening of **Painted Fire - or Drunk on Women and Poetry** (2002) by **Im Kwon-Taek**, the first of the six projections dedicated to Korean cinema (o.v. with italian subtitles), taking place **every Monday at 09:00 p.m.**

The exhibitions will reside at Atri's historical buildings until **August 22**. The Acquaviva Palace Cisterns will host the *site specific* exhibitions: **Beyond the Diary** from artist **Jukhee Kwon** and **365 figures** by **Andrea Fogli**, both curated by **Antonio Zimarino**. The Archeological Museum will host the pictures from **Jungjin Lee's Unnamed Road** project, exposition curated by **Paolo Dell'Elce**, an enchanted eye on the territories between Israel and Palestine; the same venue will also host **Per Fumum / Through the smoke** curated by **Eva Comuzzi** (featured artists: **Seo Young Chang, Yun Choi / Minhwi Lee, T-Yong Chung, Soko Hwang, Geumhyung Jeong, Eemyun Kang, OH You Kyeong, Young Joo Lee, Kim Myeongbeom**), the space in which the Korean artists will display their artworks ranging from sculpture to painting, to videoart. Cicada Cardinal Palace will host **Barbara Uccelli's** exhibition **Flaws / Vizi di forma**, curated by **Mariano Cipollini**, a multidisciplinary path aiming at detecting and analysing faults and imperfections that underlie modern society.

**Stills of Peace**, honoured this year with the Patronage of Italian **Ministry of Culture** and with all of ten official recognitions by the main international cultural institutions, is the central event of the **Fondazione Aria** activity's 10th anniversary celebration. The foundation chaired by **Ottorino La Rocca** affirms its *mission* of perpetuation and innovation of the figure of the **entrepreneur as a patron**, the driving force of social progress and life improvement for everyone.

Please join us at **Ma.Co. / a Contemporary Marathon** on, **Jul 4-5** at **06:00 p.m.**, and at exhibitions through Aug. 22 (free entrance) - Please check the full schedule on [stillsofpeace.com](https://www.stillofpeace.com)

**OPENING HOURS: am 10:00 – 12:00 / pm 04:30 – 07:30 / 09:00 – 11:00 / Closed on Monday**

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