

GALLERIA POGGIALI

PIETRASANTA

**Giovanni Frangi**

*Ansedonia*

**Vernissage Saturday 16 July 2016, 7 p.m. - 12 midnight**

10 years later Giovanni Frangi (Milan, 1959) is back with another solo show at the Poggiali gallery, where he has already exhibited on three different occasions since 1987.

The *Ansedonia* project, opening on Saturday 16 July, is part of the *Pietrasanta unique* series of events developed specially for the Via Garibaldi premises of the Poggiali gallery in Pietrasanta, consisting of the display of just one work: in this case an oil on canvas measuring 2 metres by 1.68 entitled *Ansedonia*.

This work is part of a series of created in the Ansedonia forest – the one where Schifano used to spend the summer – documented by a series of photographs taken by Frangi. The piece is characterised by the precise colouring of the background, as if the image took shape in an independent abstract dimension. It comes after the experiments embodied in the major show *Lotteria Farnese* in the Sala della Meridiana of the Archaeological Museum of Naples where, among other things, two large tapestries portrayed images of woods in black on white and vice versa.

Some of the subjects addressed by Giovanni Frangi – including woods or forests – are recurrent and, just when they appear to be on the point of exhaustion, they return again like an obsession, each time with a different energy, as in this case in which the spiritual and luminist dimension of the territory of the marine hinterland create an abstract bridge between Ansedonia and Pietrasanta.

Apropos this, Frangi explains: “The arbitrary use of colour in relation to the images I paint has always been a trick of mine: I have constantly sought a sort of ‘shift’ between the naturalistic formula and invented colour. In this colour invention of mine I found a way to make these images necessary. That’s why I was so fascinated by German expressionism.” Here we should recall the fact that Giovanni Frangi won the prize at the XII Quadriennale in Rome, and mention among his shows: *Il Richiamo della Foresta* at the Palazzo delle Stelline in Milan, the solo show *Nobu at Elba* at the Scuderie of Villa Panza a Biumo just outside Varese, *View master* at the Poggiali e Forconi gallery in Florence, then also at the Palazzo della Promotrice in Turin, the show *Sassisassi. Eine organische austellung. Skizzen, Tische, Bilder, Fotografien und Plastiken*, at the Galerie Raphael 12 in Frankfurt, *Giardini pubblici* at the MART of Rovereto, participation in the 54th Venice Biennale, the cycle *La règle du jeu* at the Teatro India in Rome, *Sheherazade* at the National Museum of San Matteo in Pisa, and the solo show *Lotteria Farnese* at the Archaeological Museum of Naples.

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