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Extra Murum: contemporary art in villa

Villa Caldogno is preparing to host the new edition of "Science and Knowledge" with a program that will satisfy the curiosity of all those interested in the exciting theme of evolution and biodiversity.

New this year is an exhibition of contemporary art entitled "Extra Murum" or "Out Of The Wall", which will run alongside the various scientific and naturalistic workshops. In modern culture the wall becomes a transition point, a gap which allows the passage of people, ideas, points of view and therefore an evolution and comparison of all that is different.

The collection consists of work by artists from all over Italy, united by their use of a particularly versatile material: clay, the raw material which acts as the foundation for all that we know as ceramics. Forget for a moment though any mundane, ordinary objects that may be made from this material: the real star here is the art! This is demonstrated by the choice of the curators, Marco Maria Polloniato and Fabiola Scremin, who have carefully selected ten artists whose artistic journeys have led them to investigate the use of clay and its many expressive possibilities. From clay to pottery, from porcelain to stoneware and from ancient techniques like luster to screen printing, each artist has experimented with and built a specific identity.

The basement of Villa Caldogno, which has been recently restored due to the Palladio's hydraulic system, will host recent works by **Fabio Amoroso, BAUM, Isabella Breda, Elisa Confortini, Sara Dario, Giorgio Di Palma, Ana Hillar, Maurizio Mastromatteo, Simone Negri and Marta Palmieri**. These artists are relatively young but already well known and winning awards internationally, with exhibitions both in Italy and abroad.

The exhibition will host a second stage in September, when the collection will evolve to become spread throughout the territory straddling the provinces of Padua, Treviso and Vicenza. The five walled cities of Asolo, Bassano del Grappa, Castelfranco Veneto, Cittadella and Marostica will each welcome a pair of artists who will carry out works or site-specific installations linked to the title: Extra Murum.

The exhibition catalogue, in Italian and English, with an introduction by Chiara Casarin and photographs by Alessandro Molinari, will be presented at the opening of Friday, April 21, at 20.45, with a visit to the exhibition introduced by the art critic Marica Rossi Salgarelli.

The exhibition will remain open until Sunday, May 21 in line with the opening hours of the villa: Tues. 18:30 to 20:30, Wed-Thu. 10:00 to 12:00, Sat. 9:00 to 12:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, Sun. 9:00 to 12:00 as well as by appointment. For information: www.prolococaldogno.it - www.lampicreativi.it

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