

# ENGLISH VERSION

## GENIUS LOCI – THE SECRET GARDENS OF VENICE

Exhibition of contemporary art for curious tourists and distracted residents

23rd June – 15th July 2007

With the project GENIUS LOCI – The secret gardens of Venice, the city is rediscovered renewing herself. From the 23rd of June to the 15th of July an extraordinary selection of the most wonderful private gardens of the city will be opened to tourists and residents. Also, with the in the temporary exhibition of a selected series of art works, sculptures and sight-specific installations, realized by many Italian and international artist, the visit of these marvellous Venetian sights is enriched in an audacious and sensitive whole full of excitement.

With the purpose of suggesting a touching cultural path, this project, cured and realized by: Ughetta Molin Fop, Cristina Montagner, Elena Santagiustina, Monica Trevisan, Massimiliano Zane, with the collaboration of the Wigwam Club Association – Historic Gardens of Venice, aims to put in evidence the advanced researches of contemporary art with the very rich artistic and historic inheritance of Venice and her green spaces.

For four week-ends, the gardens of Soranzo Cappello Palace at Santa Croce (office of the Headquarter of the Architectonic Goods and the Landscape of the Oriental Region of Venice) of the Gradenigo Palace just beside, of the Vendramin and Foscari Palaces at the Carmini, of the Contarin dal Zaffo Palace (Casa Cardinal Piazza and Piccola Casa della Divina Provvidenza Cottolengo) at the Misericordia, the Rizzo Patarol-Boscolo Palace which today is the Dogi Grand Hotel, become a marvellous and unusual frame for art, interpreting the very complex relation between the artist and nature, a primary relation of meeting, relation and creation. Introduced in the natural context, in order to blend and camouflage inside him, the works exposed in the show will amplify at the maximum our expressive and emotional threshold opening the way to a new relation and dialogue with the space that surrounds them.

With the support of the Region of Venice and numerous collaborations, as the District of Venice, the Councillorship of Tourism and Pro-loco, APT and IAT, the Common of Venice, Councillorship of Cultural Goods and Productions, the Academy of Art of Venice, the Bevilacqua La Masa Foundation and the A+A Gallery – Public Slovenian Exhibition Centre – of Venice, the project GENIUS LOCI – The Secret Gardens of Venice, ideated by Elena Santagiustina, blends in an active way a very meticulous work that unites between: the fine research of the new ways of expression in the art background and the binding historic and urban research that subtends the choice of the green spaces that frame the works installed inside them.

### GENIUS LOCI – The Secret Gardens of Venice

From the 23rd of June to the 15th of July 2007 Venice

Opening hours: 10.00am /12.45am – 16.00pm/18.45pm

Only Saturdays and Sundays

Free entrance on reservation (each demand of reservation is personal and must indicate: name, surname, telephone number, garden and visiting hour. The treatment of personal information is bounded by the "Law on privacy" 196-art. 675 of 2003). It is best to come on the place of the visit a quarter of an hour earlier.

The organization will guarantee the entrance until a maximum of 40 persons each visit. In case of bad weather the programmed visits won't be done.

A small contribute to the project is welcome.

Reservations on line: [geniuslocivenezia@libero.it](mailto:geniuslocivenezia@libero.it)

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Vernisage (only on invitation) Friday 22 June 2007 at 5.00 pm. at Soranzo Cappello Palace in Santa Croce (office of the Headquarter of the Architectonic Goods and the Landscape of the Oriental Region of Venice)

Opening Saturday 23 June 2007 at 10.00 am. at Soranzo Cappello Palace in Santa Croce (office of the Headquarter of the Architectonic Goods and the Landscape of the Oriental Region of Venice)