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Short Biography

Francesca Leone was born in Rome into a family of artists, being the daughter of Italian director Sergio Leone.

She began exhibiting in 2007 with an exhibition in the Capitoline Museums; this was then followed by "Riflessi e Riflessioni" ("Reflections and Thoughts") that took place at the St Bartholomew Lodge of Palermo, in April 2008. At the end of this year, Francesca was dedicated a solo exhibition by Palazzo Venezia in Rome, "Primo Piano" ("Close Up") that later travelled in 2009 to Castel dell'Ovo in Naples.

In the same year, she was invited to exhibit at the Moscow Museum of Modern Art (MMOMA) and nominated an Honorary Member of the Russian Academy of Fine Arts. She participated in the Venice Biennale in 2011 and 2013. In 2014, Francesca Leone was the protagonist of three solo shows: one at the MAC - the Museum of Contemporary Art of Santiago in Chile - one at the MACBA -the Museum of Contemporary Art in Buenos Aires - and one at the Museum of the Academy of Fine Arts in Saint Petersburg. 2015 opened with a solo exhibition in Singapore and ended with the monumental exposition "Our Trash" at the Triennale of Milan. In 2017 she presented "Giardino" ("Garden") at the MACRO Museum in Rome. Danilo Eccher curated her show "Monaci" ("Monks") in the Reale Ospizio dei Poveri in Palermo, simultaneously with Manifesta 12. 2018 ended with a large solo exhibition called "Domus", at Palacio de Gaviria in Madrid. Curated by Danilo Eccher, this exhibition encapsulates the artist's working journey over the past three years. In 2021 Andrea Viliani curated her solo exhibition at Gallerie d'Italia, Milan, titled "Ulteriori gradi di libertà, nella città che resiste". In 2022 the collaboration with Danilo Eccher resulted in "Take Your Time", a collateral event to the 59th Venice Biennale that took place in Salone Verde.

Selected Exhibitions

- 2022
Art Unlimited, Basel (Switzerland)
Take Your Time, curated by Danilo Eccher
Collateral event to the 59th Venice Biennale, Venice (Italy)
- 2021
Ulteriori gradi di libertà, nella città che resiste, curated by Andrea Viliani, Gallerie d'Italia, Milan (Italy)
- 2020
Si può illuminare un cielo melmoso e nero?, curated by Danilo Eccher, Magazzino, Rome (Italy)
- 2019
Ricordi Futuri 4.0, Memorale della Shoah, Milan (Italy)
C'era una volta Sergio Leone, Cinémathèque Française, Paris (France)
- 2018
Domus, Palacio de Gaviria, Madrid (Spain)
Monaci, Reale Albergo dei Poveri, Palermo (Italy)
- 2017
Giardino, Macro Museo di Arte Contemporanea, Rome (Italy)
- 2015
Our Trash, La Triennale di Milano, Milan (Italy)
Our Trash, ArcGallery, Milan (Italy)
Visions, Partners & Mucciaccia Gallery, Singapore
Progetto Imago Mundi di Luciano Benetton, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin (Italy)

- 2014
Miti e Metamorfosi, Accademia di Belle Arti San Pietroburgo, St. Petersburg (Russia)
Metamorphosis, MACBA Buenos Aires (Argentina)
Cuerpo y tierra, AMS MARLBOROUGH GALLERY, Santiago (Chile)
- Metamorphosis, Mac - Museo de Arte Contemporaneo, Santiago (Chile)
- 2013
CorpoTerra, Pan | Museo delle Arti di Napoli, Naples (Italy)
La Perversión De Lo Clásico: Anarquie De Los Relatos, 55° Biennale di Venezia, Padiglione della Repubblica di Cuba, Venice (Italy)
- 2012
Beyond The Water, Opera Gallery, London (UK)
- 2011
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- 2010
Flussi Immobili, Galleria Valentina Moncada, Rome (Italy)
- 2009
Oltre il loro sguardo, MMOMA "Museum of Modern Art", Moscow (Russia)
Primo Piano, Castel dell'Ovo, Naples (Italy)
- 2008
Primo Piano, Museo Nazionale di Palazzo Venezia, Rome (Italy)

Collections (selection)

- MAC - Museo de Arte Contemporaneo - Santiago (Chile)
- Samdani Art Foundation - Dhaka (Bangladesh)
- Allianz Bank Collection, Milan (Italy)
- Intesa San Paolo Collection, Milan/Turin (Italy)

Awards and honors

- Premio Mc Kim - American Academy in Rome, Rome (Italy)
- Honorary Member of the Russian Academy of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg (Russia)

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Group exhibitions (selection)

2023

Together we art, G20 Art Project curated by Alka Pande Bihar Museum, Patna - National Museum New Delhi, (India)

2019

Ricordi Futuri 4.0, Memorale della Shoah, Milan (Italy)
C'era una volta Sergio Leone, Cinémathèque Française, Paris (France)

2017

Frammentazioni, Villa Blanc, Rome (Italy)
Ricordi Futuri 2.0, Museo Diffuso della Resistenza, Turin (Italy)

2016

Ricordi Futuri, Palazzo Mazzetti, Asti (Italy)

2015

Progetto Imago Mundi di Luciano Benetton, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin (Italy)
La Spiritualità nell'arte, Complesso Monumentale San Francesco, Cuneo (Italy)
Sergio Leone - C'era una volta in Italia, Museo del Cinema di Torino, Turin (Italy)

2014

Freedom fighters, Palazzo Reale, Milan (Italy)

2013

La Perversión De Lo Clásico: Anarquie De Los Relatos, 55° Biennale di Venezia, Padiglione della Repubblica di Cuba, Venice (Italy)
Omaggio a Giuseppe Verdi, Auditorium Conciliazione, Rome (Italy)

2012

L'Arte Contemporanea agli Internazionali BNL d'Italia 2012, Foro Italico, Rome (Italy)
Viaggio in Italia, Fedor Dostoevskij, Museo di San Salvatore in Lauro, Rome (Italy)

2011

54. Esposizione Internazionale d'Arte del Biennale di Venezia, Padiglione Italia, Venice (Italy)

2010

Giuseppe Garibaldi "Tutt'altra Italia io sognavo..." , Museo Nazionale di Castel Sant'Angelo, Rome (Italy)
Arte Contemporanea per il Tempio di Zeus, Villa Aurea - Valle dei Templi, Agrigento (Italy)

2009

Sergio Leone, uno sguardo inedito, Festival Internazionale del Cinema, Rome (Italy)

2008

Omaggio a De Chirico, Fondazione De Chirico, Rome (Italy)
Galileo Divin Uomo, Basilica di Santa Maria degli Angeli e dei Martiri, Rome (Italy)

2007

Arte Contemporanea per i Rifugiati 5° edizione, Musei Capitolini, Rome (Italy)