

CLEO FARISELLI

YOUR STORM OUR DEW

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Almanac is pleased to present *Your Storm Our Dew*, a solo exhibition by Cleo Fariselli. A project supported by the Italian Council (10th edition, 2021), a program to promote Italian contemporary art worldwide by the Directorate-General for Contemporary Creativity of the Italian Ministry of Culture.

The idea explored by Cleo Fariselli as a starting point for this newly produced video work, premiered in the exhibition, was that of “dilated emergency”. Emergency, now a topos of the contemporary, is a paradigm that marks the present time, established as a new and paradoxical state of normality. This condition has become, even more prominently after the pandemic, part of our everyday life.

The multiple, and often contradictory, voices of the media have contributed to transform the collective perception of an emergency experienced no longer as a condition of acute crisis or danger, but as a constant tension, modulated in peaks of alarm and release. This tension, while based on urgent and real issues, inevitably ends up taking on characteristics of its own, tending to abstract into a feeling of perpetual insecurity: a “dilated emergency” precisely.

Exploring the imaginative power of objectual elements proper to states of emergency, the artist brings to life a world of its own, illuminated by the incessant flashing of sirens, creating a new emotional, narrative and aesthetic environment. Survival mechanisms, carefully orchestrated to restore a distorted naturalness, are removed from their function to become poetic devices: protagonists of an exploration of the contemporary collective unconscious, its fears and its unpredictable component. With the camera’s eye kept in constant motion by steady cams and dollies, Cleo Fariselli delves into, observes and records these scenarios as if it were the first documentary shot of an alien or abyssal ecosystem revealing mysterious life forms where it was not thought possible.

The staging of the video is inspired by black theater, a particular form of puppet theater, based on the principle of an optical illusion where the human eye does not distinguish the actors from the background, both of which are black. Thanks to specific techniques and lighting cuts, the objects on stage and the costumes of the performers, which transform entirely their physicality, seem to be suspended, giving the impression of moving by themselves and floating in the space.

Over the course of 2023, a rich calendar of international events will follow the Turin preview at Almanac Inn with a series of exhibitions, screenings, and talks at Almanac Projects (London), Morpho (Antwerp), Centro per l’Arte Contemporanea Luigi Pecci (Prato), Museo del Novecento (Milan), and Stockholm University (Stockholm). The work *Your Storm Our Dew* will become part of the permanent collection of MAMbo - Museo d’Arte Moderna di Bologna.

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Your Storm Our Dew is a video by Cleo Fariselli
Video 4K, color sound, 22min

Director of Photography:
Pierluigi Laffi

Editing:
Massimo Mosca

Producer:
Camilla Romeo

Voice over:
Peter Wickham

Grip: Massimo Pozzoli

1st Assistant Camera: Nunzio De Filippo

Gaffer: Giorgio Peri

Backstage Photographer: Silvia Mangosio

Location: Teatro Officine Caos

Music and Sound Design:
Federico Chiari

Costume and Prop Design:
Cleo Fariselli,
Moe Yoshida,
Nicholas Polari

Performers:
Giorgio Andreoni
Tiziano Canello
Francesco Lanciotti
Caterina Pio

Production Assistant: Simone Pallotta

Artist Assistant: Emanuela Buzzati

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Equipment: Overt

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