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Why pens and notebooks?

Years ago, accomplices a lot of travels to Seoul, I started to use notebooks and gel pens for my artistic needs, and I found it a suitable way to express myself.

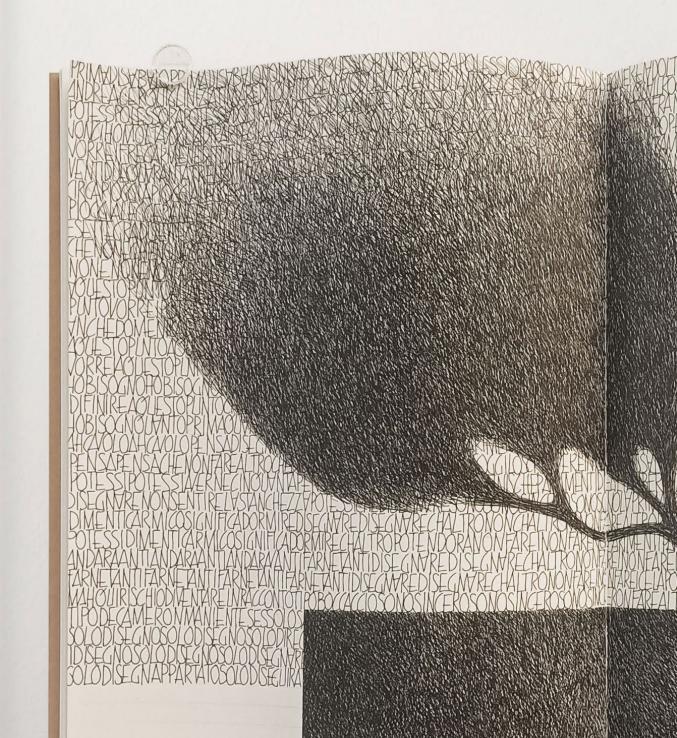
I open a notebook and start drawing, or writing, on the central double page only. I use black gel pen mainly, sometimes red, or a coloured pencil.

Once finished, I like put the open notebooks, mid air suspended, inside a plastic box, transparent but not invisible frame.



GIARDINI SEGRETI

SECRET GARDENS Triptych, 2019



Do you draw or write?

If something doesn't feel right to me, I tend to dwell on it, in a circular, repetitive way. Troubles, yes, I put them down in writing. Weird? Maybe, but nothing describes my thought better "seen from close up nobody is normal", as Caetano Veloso sang in his "Vaca profana".

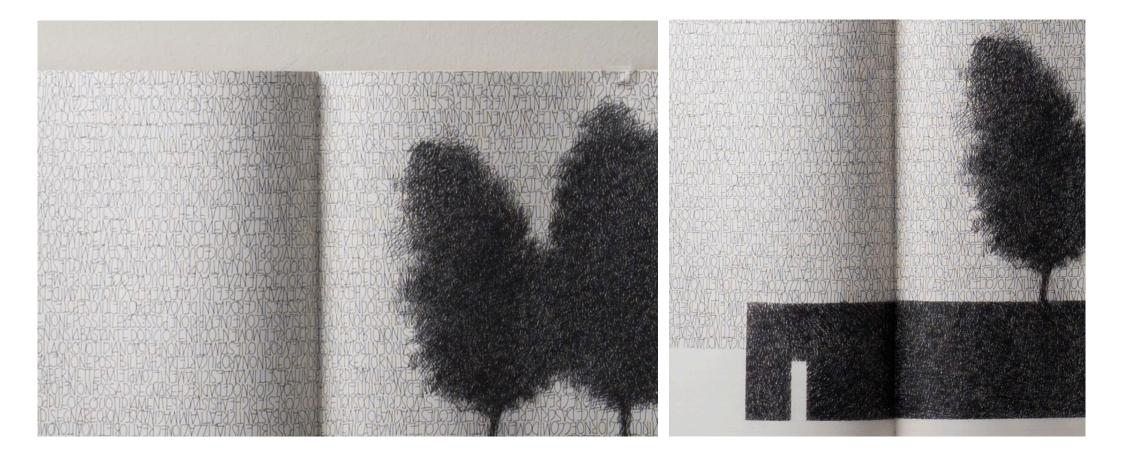
Troubles, anxiety, unresolved questions, but also everything that comes to my mind, I write it down, like a litany, a mantra, a sort of dripping of words that I let go and melt on the pages.

Having said that, text only interests me for its graphic and aesthetic strength, to me text is not to be read. To be honest, when I see someone trying to read it, almost searching between the lines, I get quite embarrassed about it.



GRANDE GIARDINO SEGRETO

GREAT SECRET GARDEN Triptych, 2019

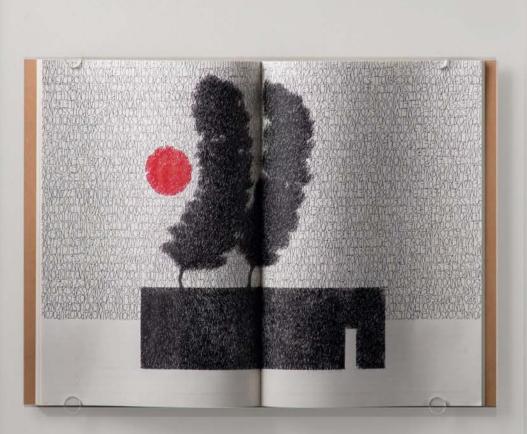


What about Secret gardens, Hermitages, Observatories?

Architecture can't stay out of my thoughts and my drawings, probably it is my medium to describe the condition of life.

The first sketch took shape during a walk in the surroundings of Trevi, a village in the middle of Italy, hometown of Diana, my mother, and partly also of Mario, my silent father. Here, countryside farmhouses are carved stone blocks among the trees.

May be there is in my DNA something of a remote amanuensis monk, not only for the handwriting, but for the world that I represent.



GIARDINO SEGRETO

SECRET GARDEN Rosso Passione Prize, 2020 MAGMMA Museum Villacidro, Sud Sardegna, Italy 1st placed

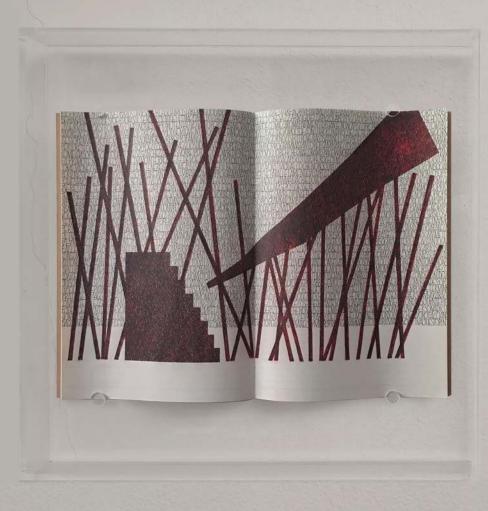




Bookcity, 2021 Galleria L'Affiche Milano, Italy Group exhibition



Script II, 2020 Envision Art Magazine Online contest 1st placed / Best in Show





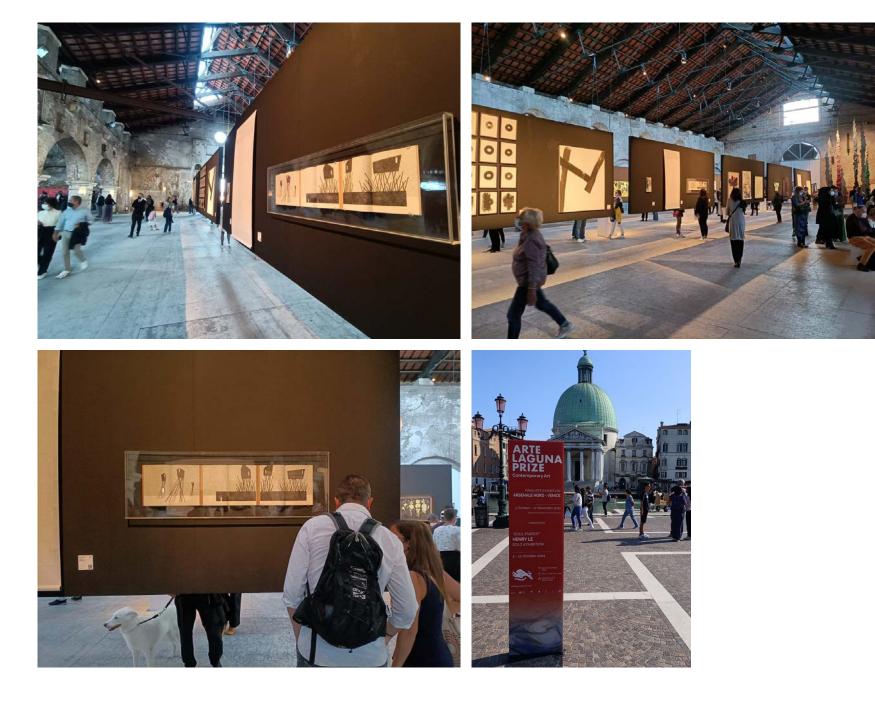
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EREMI E CASA DEL GUARDIANO DEL GIARDINO SEGRETO

HERMITAGES AND HOUSE OF THE KEEPER OF THE SECRET GARDEN Triptych, 2020

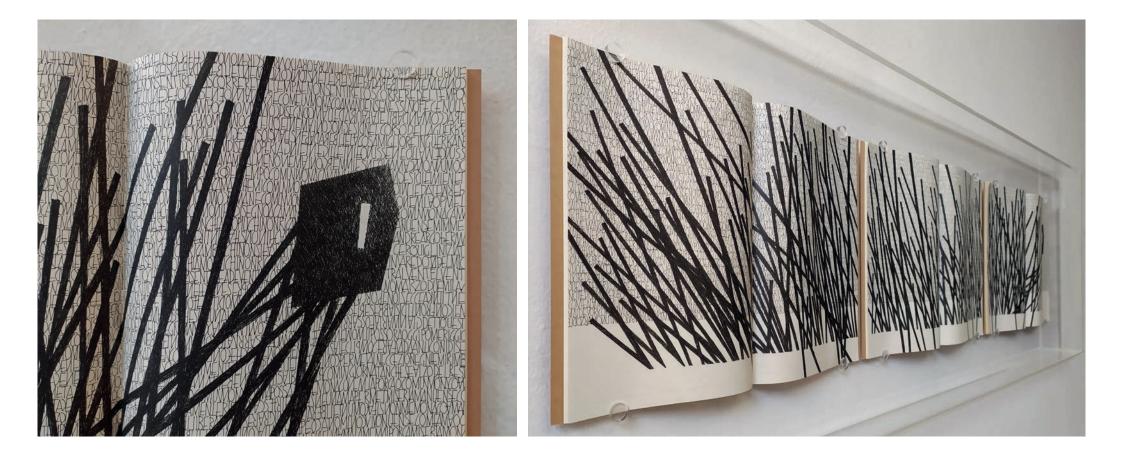


Arte Laguna Prize 15, 2021 Arsenale di Venezia, Italy Finalists exhibition





Malamegi Lab 16, 2020 28 Galleria Piazza di Pietra Roma, Italy Finalists exhibition



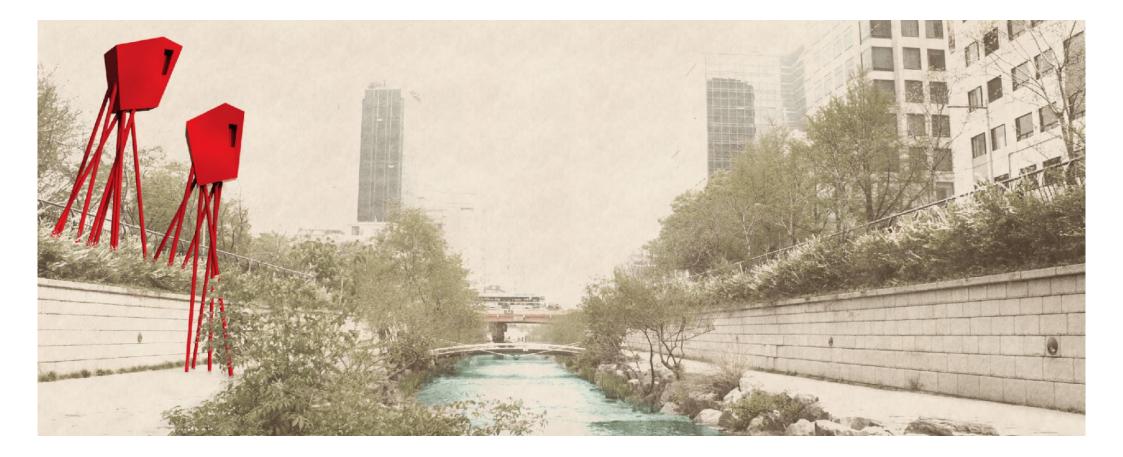


EREMI



HERMITAGES Installations, concept, 2020

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GLI ALBERI NON SANNO LEGGERE

TREES CAN'T READ Diptych, 2020



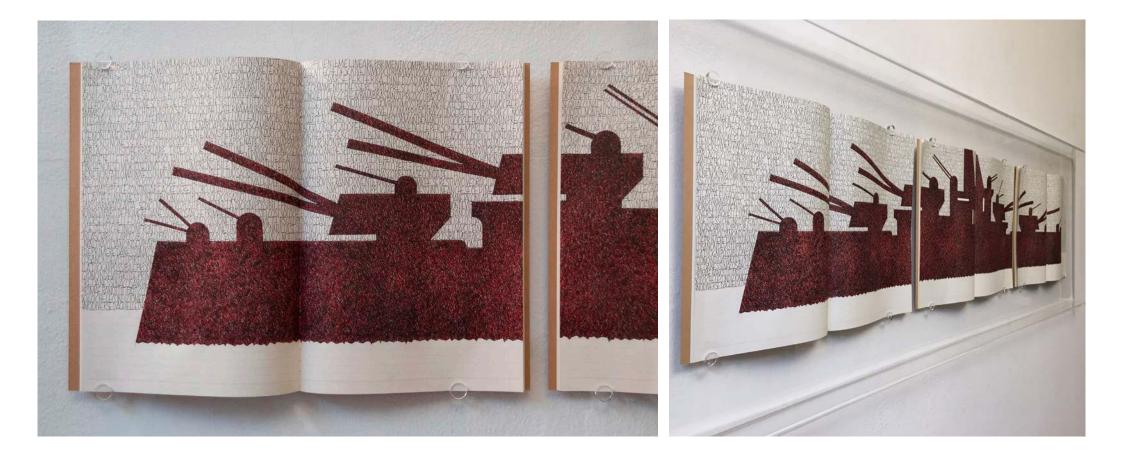
GUERRA

WAR Diptych, 2020



GRANDE NAVE DA GUERRA

GREAT BATTLESHIP Triptych, 2020







Artkeys Prize, 2020 Associazione culturale Blow-Up Castello Angioino-Aragonese, Agropoli, Italy 2nd placed



Born in Roma in 1961, moved to Milano in 1989.

Genetically attracted by the Far East, from 2008 up to 2014 lived and worked in Seoul for long periods.

Eclectic in temper, he spends his lifetime cultivating artistic expression in parallel to the profession of architect, with methodical discontinuity.

An "indispensable need" as he usually states.

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