



FONDATION OPALE

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Press release

Special Focus SUPERSTUDIO at Fondation Opale

Icon of the radical movement, Italian architecture group Superstudio is the subject of a temporary exhibition in the Special Focus space of Lens Art Centre until November 29th, 2020.

In parallel to the main exhibition RESONANCES, which runs until April 4th, 2021, Fondation Opale presents works by Superstudio in its Special Focus space. Florentine agency founded in 1966, Superstudio denounces the absurdity of the modern world, its superproduction, superconsumption, property and capitalism through a critique of architecture. By taking an interest in the root of human life, the six architects who compose the agency have imagined an original humanity stripped of walls, a dematerialized future where the only architecture that remains is a Continuous Monument that extends to infinity and covers the Earth by crossing all obstacles, natural or built.

The exhibition presents works on loan from the FRAC Centre-Val de Loire: the fresco *Galaxy of Objects* (1975), at the convergence of architecture, anthropology and visual arts, offers a comparison between the nomadic lifestyle of Indigenous Australians in the Central desert and that of Florentine workers. Facing the fresco, are projected the five movies *The Fundamental Acts* (1971-1973), theoretical works of "anthropological and philosophical refoundation of architecture" aimed at reconciling architecture with the major themes of human existence: *Life, Education, Ceremony, Love, Death*. All of these works, in their dreamlike, sometimes utopian, sometimes dystopian future, echo the theme of the main exhibition by questioning our future and our relationship with planet Earth, our way of living on it, moving around on it and drawing vital resources from it.

Event

Rather than an opening, a meeting around Mr. Gian Piero Frassinelli, founding member of Superstudio, will be organised in mid-November 2020 (exact date to be confirmed).

Practical information

From September 30th to November 29th, 2020

Wednesday – Sunday, 10 am – 6 pm

Meeting with Gian Piero Frassinelli: between November 13th and 15th, 2020, please contact us if interested.

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Opening hours:

Art centre —→ from Wednesday to Sunday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Restaurant L'Opale —→ Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday from 9:30 am to 7:00 pm;
Friday and Saturday from 9:30 am to 11:00 pm