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Monte Inferno

A project by **Patrizia Santangeli** and **Gabriele Rossi**

Curated by **Chiara Cavallo**

Opening: Wednesday, September 14th 2016, 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm | Talk at 6:00 pm

Open to public: September 15th – 30th, 2016

AlbumArte

Via Flaminia 122, Rome

On **Wednesday, September 14th 2016**, at 6:00 pm, **AlbumArte** will inaugurate *Monte Inferno*, a project realized by director Patrizia Santangeli and photographer Gabriele Rossi, curated by Chiara Cavallo, hosted at its exhibition space at the former stables of Villa Poniatowsky, on via Flaminia 122 in Rome.

The project, born in 2013 and started with a documentary and photographic research, it's an investigation into the case of the landfill of Borgo Montello in the province of Latina, infamously known as Monte Inferno (Hell Mountain), where starting from the 1970s piles of toxic waste has been dumped, causing serious harms to the environment and people. *Monte Inferno* consists of a multifaceted collection of materials (documentary, photos, website, multimedia video, journal, illustration, sound, postcards, geographical explorations) that comes to constitute an observatory which uses imagination to offer a different reading of a place that has been already doomed by the press.

Monte Inferno is the result of collective work: **Patrizia Santangeli** – director, **Gabriele Rossi** – photographer, **Massimo Calabro** – illustrator and graphic designer, **Bonifacio Pontonio** – graphic designer, **Roberto Fanfarillo** – graphic designer, **Giancarlo Bovina** – geologist.

On the occasion of the opening, the authors of the project, Patrizia Santangeli and Gabriele Rossi, will give a talk together with a resident of Monte Inferno, Claudio Gatto.

Throughout the period of the exhibition a journal will be available, a fundraising means to promote the project but also a medium to understand Borgo Montello's site better, thanks to a map of the area and a rearrangement of the geographical points placed around the landfill, thus adjusted to read beyond the news reports.

Nowadays, the small village lives the impossibility of recognizing what was formerly representing its identity, producing landscapes that are no longer visible to the eyes but lost in a memory. The inhabitants, mostly people from Veneto and Emilia that arrived in the thirties as a result of the promises of propaganda, now find themselves living with an awful obsession and forced apart from plots of land that can no longer be cultivated.

The project received **the patronage of Assessorato alle Attività Produttive, Cultura e Sport - Municipio II of Roma Capitale** and **the patronage of MAP – Museo Agro Pontino**, that hosted the exhibition *Monte Inferno* in 2016.

Patrizia Santangeli writes and directs documentaries from 2004. She began her career working as dj and artistic director for a private radio station. In 1994, she entered the communications sector working as a copywriter and director for advertising, backstage and institutional videos. From 2004 to 2010 she was partner and creative director for a communication agency. In the recent years, she focused on her activity as a documentary and web-film director. Her interests, planning ability and multidisciplinary competences gained over time, feature her multidimensional approach, and documentary becomes one of her main instrument. She lives in Rome.

Gabriele Rossi is born in Latina in 1979. He currently lives and works in Rome. His artistic research investigates the elements generating alterations in social and urban structures, especially those that can activate an immediate crisis and produce new identities. Gabriele attended a photography course at ISFCI in Rome, between 2005-2007. In 2007 he attended a Master in Photography and Visual Design at NABA\FORMA in Milan. He later worked with Contrasto, a photography agency he has been part of for five years.

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INFORMATION

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