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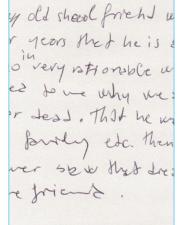
Dream Circus is is a touring relational art project that aims to investigate the visual imagery of dreams, while creating dialogue, encounter and contact among its visitors.

Dream Circus is presented as an installation made of dozens of small paper dream drawings. The public is invited to write about a dream or nightmare that has hit them particularly. One or more drawings are produced by the artist for every collected dream.

In exchange for their dream visitors can chose among the available drawings of dreams created for somebody else. The only criterion visitors must respect during the choice of the image is to follow their instinct. As dreams are chosen, the installation changes giving way to new images.











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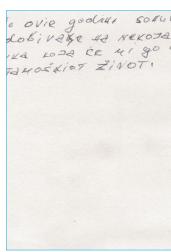
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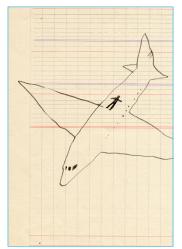
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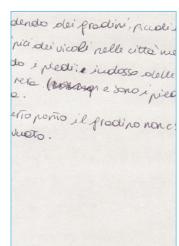
The project DREAM CIRCUS involves visitors in the creative process, not only by enabling them to become authors, but also investing each one of them with the responsibility to bring to life a piece of work originated by their personal stories, and feelings first transformed into words and later into images. Maieutically, the project Dream Circus explores people's unconscious and puts it on stage, pulling out visitors' innermost feelings.

Here the artist's role is redefined as a connector of relationships, as invisible threads binding people unknown to each other, places and cities.

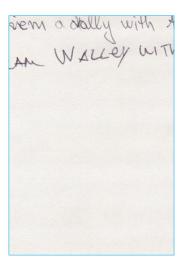
The drawing intended as the medium evolves and fulfils different functions.

A first interpretation of the dream is done with the transposition into a drawing. Exhibiting all the drawings that will later be exchanged carries out the second interpretation.

The set of drawings, or fragments of different dreams, create each time a sort of collective dream that can be interpreted in many different ways, sometimes very far from the original dreams.



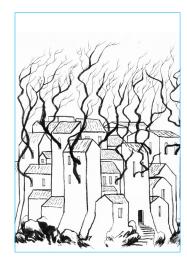








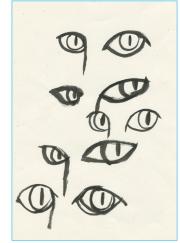
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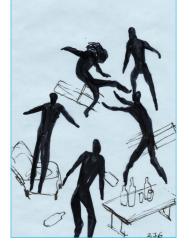


Born in 2011, Dream Circus Project has taken the dreams of Italians around the world, exchanging them every time with the dreams of the inhabitants of the cities of the world.

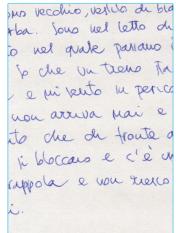
DREAM CIRCUS is the result of participation and sharing, which puts the viewer between contemplation and action, triggering a social practice which is ultimately the medium of the work, a work that must be continually nourished by new dreams in order to exist. The installation is an endless work in progress, it changes face at every turn and takes on new characteristics at each stage.

The work was created along the lines of traditional pictorial representation of dreams, but it evolves in the direction of a work of contemporary art, dynamic and constantly changing.

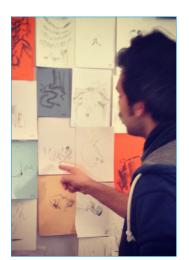
As in the small travelling shows of the century, when the unknown and the mysterious represented a strong source of attraction, Dream Circus creates a play of relations based on the constant exchange of dreams, from person to person, city after city.











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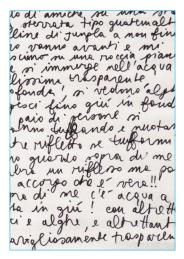
The collection Dream Circus is by all means indefinite: sometimes it counts hundreds of drawings, sometimes only a few dozen.

The project has thus an exchange value that becomes the intrinsic value of the work itself: my dream is worth as much as another dream and vice versa. This causes a levelling of differences in age, gender and origin, which is the basis from which to learn the art of giving.

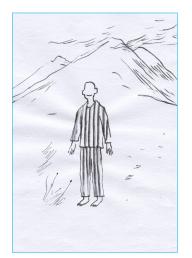
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Daniele Catalli, artist, author, set designer, designer, collaborates with performers, musicians, directors, writers and designers creating installations, covers for records, sets, posters, exhibitions, prints, games, illustrated books and public art projects.

His works can be found in public and private collections in Italy and abroad.

He contributed to founding and collaborates with several collectives, among which we mention Monkey Studio Edizioni, publisher of the pataphysic magazine Krakatoa. His work moves between publishing, installations, public and relational art, printing.

He is a member of Le Stanze Segrete, a performance and theater company.

In 2014, after a journey through the Balkans, he arrived in Istanbul for the Pasaj residence, during which he continued the DREAM CIRCUS PROJECT project.

Also in 2014, the project won the BEST PROJECT award from Wetraders Berlin at Kunstraum Bethanien in Berlin.

In 2016 he won the ETCHING AWARD award of SETUp Fair in Bologna, culminating in a residence at Casa Falconieri in Cagliari during which he worked on "La Balada de Caperucita", an engraving artist's book based on the work of Federico Garcia Lorca.

An important part of his work consists of the multiple and in particular the artist's book intended as a recovery of printing techniques and experimentation with materials and drawing always in a narrative perspective. he is co-founder of DFRG Press London, a publishing house and agency that deals with the promotion of artists who dedicate themselves to the book as an artistic practice.

His books have been acquired by private and public collections including The Oslo National Academy of the Arts Library, Swarthmore College, Lafayette College, Salon fur Kunst Buch Wien, Internationale Jugendbibliothek München.

His first children's book "La Bataille des Grenouilles et des Souris" published by Amaterra Editions, won the "ALBUMS JEUNESSE - 2018" award at the Nuit du Livre in Paris.

In 2019 he was invited to represent Italy in the Biennial of the Illustrated Book of Bratislava.











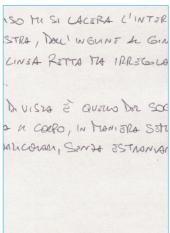
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Over the years, Dream Circus Project has collaborated, among others, with:

**Artistic Organizations** 

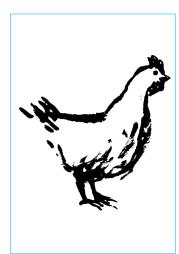
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The Gate, Calamandrana Cimitero di San Pietro in Vincoli, Torino Le Canottiere, Milano Libreria NB, Torino

Galleries and Residency Programs

Artist Residency Seminaria, Gaeta

Artist Residency Kanaal 10, Amsterdam

INTEATRO Festival, Polverigi

Van der Gallery, Torino

Awa Gallery, Amsterdam

Some Books Gallery, Seoul Almost Perfect, Tokyo

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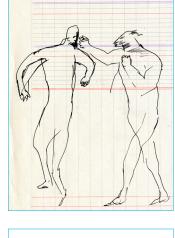
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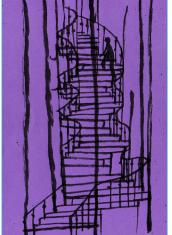


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## **DETAILS**

mixed media on paper cm 21 x 15 variable fitting size

## **EQUIPMENT TECHNIQUES NEEDED**

- free wall for display (minimum 10 square meters)
- 1 table
- 2 or more chairs for the public

A project of: Daniele Catalli

Performances and drawings: Daniele Catalli

Installation, documentation, social media: Eleonora Diana











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