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## **Genius Loci - Spirit of Place**

PALAZZO FRANCHETTI, VENEZIA

🏂 Sculture e installazioni che affrontano l'ambito della sfera pubblica. Lisson Gallery espone importanti opere di 15 artisti internazionali, sia all'esterno che all'interno del Palazzo. Modelli, disegni e progetti di Ai Weiwei, Daniel Buren, Dan Graham...

## COMUNICATO STAMPA

The exhibition is curated by Greg Hilty. Curatorial Director, Lisson Gallery. The initiative is conceived by Patrizia Spadafora, Director of Berenge Foundation.

On the occasion of the 14th International Architecture Biennals in Venice, curated by Rem Koulhaus, Lisson Gallery and Berengo Studio present an exhibition of sculpture and installation that addresses the complex spheres of the public realm and the built environment.

The Latin term genius loci, originally referring to the presiding or guardian drity of a land, is now used to describe the particular essence and unique qualities of a place. Beyond the massum and gallery walls, public art can help define the character of its location by functioning harmoniously or in active dialogue with the architecture or landscape it inhabits.

As an experienced commissioner of large-scale contemporary art, Lisson Gallery is subiliting major art works by 15 internationally renowned artists, both inside and outside the historic Venetian Palarso Cavalli Franchestit. The exhibition includes modelia, sculptures, drawings and projectly artists including Ai Weiwel, Daniel Buren, Dan Graham, Shiraseh Roushiary, Anish Kapoor, and Lee Ufan, all of whom have made significant contributions to art in the public domain through works that complement or challenge their surroundings.

The exhibition, Genius Loci — Spirit of Place will also include a specially designed zone by critically acclaimed architects Carmody Groarke, documenting some of the most ground-breaking public art commissions of the late 20th and early 21st century. Also on display will be significant works in glass fabricated by Bercopo Studio.

Two panel discussions including artists, architects and public art commissioners, chaired by Greg Hilty, will take place on: Saturday 3: May, 10am - 12pm at Lisson Gallery, London Friday 6 June, 10am - 12pm at Palazzo Cavalli Franchetti, Venice

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Press preview: Wednesday & June-Friday 6 June, 10am-6pm

Palazzo Cavalli Franchetti S. Marco, 2842, 30124 Venice Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10am - 6pm (closed Mondays)

