

DAVID LACHAPELLE

ATTI DIVINI

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14th June 2019 through 6th January 2020
Citroniera delle Scuderie Juvarriane

David LaChapelle's major exhibition is soon to be hosted in Torino, with a special installation at the Reggia di Venaria, in the Citroniera delle Scuderie Juvarriane. *Atti Divini* invites visitors to experience an expansive survey of work from the American photographer.

This new exhibition offers over 60 significant pieces from various periods of the artist's image-making career. A transformative visual journey follows LaChapelle's profound representation of humanity in and *against* nature before emerging into a totally new body of work set in a colorful paradise. LaChapelle's thought-provoking point of view is represented in this program and presents the iconic works which contribute to his position as one of the world's most influential artists.

Fully aware of the creative artifice, LaChapelle's photographs are distinguished by their ability to relate and dialogue with the manifestations of western civilization over vast themes, from the classical renaissance to present day and beyond. Through his vast language of the image, LaChapelle's body of work communicates the fears, obsessions, and desires of our contemporary society that increasingly elude easy categorisation.

Not to be missed are iconic works ***Rape of Africa*** (2009) which finds Naomi Campbell as Venus in a Botticelli-inspired scene set in the gold mine fields of Africa, and ***Showtime at the Apocalypse*** (2013), a portrait of the Kardashian family which renders not only the family itself, but our own fears, obsessions, and desires reflected in it. Also on display are the vivid and exciting series ***Land SCAPE*** (2013), and ***Gas*** (2013), still-life projects where LaChapelle assembles *found objects* to create oil refineries and their interdependent gas stations before presenting them as relics in an earth reclaimed by nature. Central to the show is ***Deluge*** (2007), in which LaChapelle contemporizes Michelangelo's 16th-century mural from the Sistine Chapel. Later works like ***Awakened*** (2007) and ***Seismic Shift*** (2012) reveal apt scenes facing divinity in our modern world.

Exclusive to this exhibition, "Atti Divini" introduces unseen work from LaChapelle's newest series ***New World*** (2017-2019), which follows the artist's awe for the sublime and a quest for spirituality in scenes staged throughout a tropical utopia.

Curated by Denis Curti and Reiner Opoku with installation by Giovanni Tironi, the exhibition is organized by the Consorzio delle Residenze Reali Sabaude and Civita Mostre e Musei, in collaboration with Lavazza.

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Title	David LaChapelle Divine Acts
Dates	14 th June 2019 through 6 th January 2020
Venue	Reggia di Venaria Citroniera delle Scuderie Juvarriane Piazza della Repubblica, 4 Venaria Reale (TO)
Curated by	Denis Curti and Reiner Opoku
Installation	Giovanni Tironi
Opening Hours	Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 10 a.m. - 7.30 p.m. Ticket office closes one hour earlier Closed on Mondays (opening hours may change: please check on http://www.lavenaria.it/it/visita/orari)
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Discounted ticket € 12.00 for groups of min 12 persons, visitors over 65 and those subject to free or discounted admission as specified in "Free and Discounted Admission"

Discounted (6 to 21 years) € 8.00 for children from 6 to 20 and university students under 26 **Discounted for schools € 4.00** for classes of minimum 12 students, two accompanying teachers every 27 students

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