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Pietro Porcinai.
Garden and landscape
Miradolo Castle
June 12th – October 30th, 2016

In June 2016, the Cosso Foundation presents a new exhibition linked to art and nature: it is dedicated to **Pietro Porcinai (1901–1986)** the greatest landscape architect of the xx century, in the 30th anniversary of his death.

From June 12th, in the Miradolo Castle historic rooms, **pictures** and other works connected to this extraordinary architect will be shown.

Cosso Foundation cares of this exhibition in cooperation with **Paola Porcinai**, daughter of Pietro Porcinai, and **Dario Fusaro**, photographer specialized in parks and gardens. It aims to develop the knowledge about the links between art, architecture, nature and beauty.

The exhibitions shows a fascinating path which leads the visitor to discover Pietro Porcinai focussing on some subjects specially relevant in his works as the permanent **comparison** with contemporary artists and intellectuals, the **protection** of the landscape and biologic world from degradation and destruction, the search for **beauty** in design.

Across his life, Pietro Porcinai developed the art of gardening looking at **nature** as unlimited source of artistic inspiration: "destroying nature means leaving without artists and denying to the world the beauty". His statement was based on the belief that botanic and environment awareness are strictly related to art.

The Castle shows a selection of **pictures** taken from **Dario Fusaro** who photographed some of the most beautiful gardens designed by Pietro Porcinai. The garden of **Villa I Collazzi** in Florence, the **Pinocchio park** in Collodi, the Mondadori headquarters in Segrate and **Villa Recchi** in Portofino are examples.

A special **installation** shows some of Pietro Porcinai sketches made during the gardens' design. The botanic and artistic sensibility which emerges from the drawings transform them into works of art. They tell the story of important matters in his works and of the relationship with customers.

A relevant contribution of the **architect Paolo Pejrone** enriches the show with a portrait of Pietro Porcinai and his massive activity.

Opening: Sunday June 12th, 2016.

Timetable:



Saturday: 14.00/19.00

Sunday: 10.00/19.00

Tickets: Exhibition+Park+Castle: 10EUR

Discounted: 8 EUR (groups, member, students until 26, over 65)

Free for children up to 6 and Museum Subscription.