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“LEONARDO DA VINCI –THE TRIBUTE”

International Contemporary Art exhibition
09 April – 30 April 2019

Vernissage
Friday, April 12, 2019 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm
18, Corso San Gottardo – Milan (Italy)

Entrance on guest list: RSVP mads@madsmilano.com

2019 marks the 500th Death Anniversary of the Renaissance Master, Leonardo Da Vinci.

Leonardo was born in the region of Florence, and he was educated in the studio of Florentine painter Andrea del Verrocchio. Much of his earlier working life was spent in the service of Ludovico il Moro in Milan. He later worked in Rome, Bologna, and Venice, and he spent his last years in France at the home awarded to him by Francis I of France. **Milan is the only city to have had the privilege of hosting Leonardo for such a lengthy and fertile period, from 1482 until 1499.**

He was commissioned to paint the Virgin of the Rocks for the Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception (now exposed in The Louvre in Paris and the other in the National Gallery in London) and The Last Supper for the monastery of Santa Maria delle Grazie, now included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site. Leonardo was employed on many different projects for Ludovico, including the preparation of floats and pageants for special occasions, designs for a dome for Milan Cathedral and a model for a huge equestrian monument to Francesco Sforza, Ludovico's predecessor.

With this special event promoted and implemented by M.A.D.S., we would like to remember and pay tribute to one of the most brilliant minds of humanity, specially in this city –Milan- so important and linked to him.

The exhibition will take place starting from April 9th, 2019, simultaneously with the opening of the prestigious MILAN DESIGN WEEK, the most important event all around the world dedicated to design. The choice of the period is done appositely to celebrate his work and especially his legacy to the art of design and craftsmanship, a theme that is more fundamental to the world of design than ever before.

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