

ATTILIO QUINTILI Terni - 1964



Since the early nineties, Attilio Quintili, after obtaining a degree in Political Science from the University of Perugia, approached the world of ceramics by working in his mother's factory: she is Anna Maria Veschini, descended from of a family in Deruta with a strong ceramic's tradition. In 1995 he learnt the technique of lustre and since then he has made it his own vehicle of expression to which he dedicates himself continuously, experimenting with the artistic possibilities offered by iridescent ceramics. At first, he rigorously applies the Lustro to Deruta's Renaissance designs, without sacrificing his own free interpretation, which characterized the beginning of his carrier. Then, Quintili puts his technical expertise at the disposal to those who are interested in giving extra value to their ceramic works through the final intervention of the third fire.

Numerous and important collaborations born from the union between artistic inspiration and technical ability, with various artists such as: Bruno Ceccobelli, Carlo Dell'Amico, Andrea Fogli, Jack Sal, Gianni Moretti. Quintili's artistic career is significantly marked by the creation of the collective exhibition *Spirituality and Matter* (Deruta, 2012) where he presented the installation *Spirituality and Matter*, a 'leitmotif' that will become, from this moment, the fulcrum of his artistic research. In the same year, the key feature that will distinguish him later, the explosions, takes place; these are controlled deflagrations of blocks of fresh clay, without any further intervention of the artist.

The particular artistic gesture that generates these informal sculptures was presented to the public during the exhibition *Terra di Rinascita* (Perugia, 2013) and finalized a few years later (*Bianco Sporco*, Faenza, 2016) with a critical text by Enrico Crispoltiwhich, who was intrigued by this particular process. Quintili's artistic path does not restrain his versatility, and in fact he gave further impetus to the artistic cenacle "freemocco's house", a place of convivial aggregation and exposition open to all types of artists; this space was born in 2007 and it is still active today. The formula proposed by Quintili, organizer and promoter of these events, is always that of the evening-event that combines the convivial and playful to the cultural-artistic through exhibitions lasting one evening or performances performed during the event.

Quintili pays particular attention to the world of publishing, with the production of artist's books presented during exhibitions at the freemocco's house, which in the meantime has become an association for social promotion. His artistic path evolves continuously, but it is at the end of 2017



that Quintili presents in his studio the performance *Inside*, which marks another significant moment of his artistic research in the increasingly blurred border between the two sides of the same coin: Spirituality and Matter.

The solo exhibition entitled *kauwa-auwa* at the Archaeological Museum of Terni, curated by Lorenzo Fiorucci and Luca Pietro Nicoletti, marks another significant moment in Quintili's artistic career, by presenting some new works born from the evolution of his artistic key feature: the explosions. The same "artistic deflagrations" were presented internationally during the exhibition *Cupio Dissolvi* at Cris Contini Contemporary in London at the end of 2019.



# ARTIST'S BIOGRAPHY

# SOLO EXHIBITIONS

## 2022

*Attilio Quintili – Nuovo*, curated by Irene Biolchini, National Archaeological Museum of Tarquinia, Italy

Attilio Quintili, Nero Argenteo, curated by Irene Biolchini, City of Tarquinia Award "Luciano Marziano" 2022, Palazzo Vitelleschi, home to the National Archaeological Museum of Tarquinia, Auditorium San Pancrazio, Tarquinia, Italy

Attilio Quintili, Nero Bucchero, bipersonal exhibition curated by Alessandra Sileoni and Laura Canella, Montrazio Arte, Via di Porta Tenaglia, Milan

#### 2019

*Cupio Dissolvi,* Cris Contini Contemporary, London, UK *Kauwa-Auwa*, CAOS Archaeological Museum, Terni, Italy

#### 2016

*Off White Bianco Sporco,* curated by Anty Pansera, as part of *Argillà*, International Ceramics Festival, Faenza, Italy

#### 2015

*Naturalnero*, *Impermanente II6*, curated by Giovanna Brenci, Perugia, Italy *Naturalnero*, Minigallery, curated by Giovanna Brenci, Assisi, Italy *Campo di frammenti*, Loggia del Capitaniato, Piazza del Signori, Vicenza, Italy

#### 2014

Officinae d'arte#7, curated by Franco Profili, Cavour Art, Terni, Italy

#### 2013

Terra di Rinascita, curated by Andrea Baffoni, Trebisonda, Perugia, Italy

#### 2011

Importunum, curated by Andrea Baffoni, Roccafiore, Degustarte, Todi, Italy

#### 2007

Equilibrio apparente, Freemocco's house, Deruta, Italy



# **COLLECTIVE EXHIBITIONS**

### 2022

5° *Elemento*, Nicola Boccini, Daniele Buschi, Eraldo Chiucchiù, Christopher Domiziani, Attilio Quintili, curated by Andrea Baffoni, Rocca Paolina, Sala Cannoniera, Perugia, Italy *Ethos - Keramikos 2022*, curated by Vittorio Sgarbi, Palazzo Doebbing Museum, Sutri (VT), Italy

# 2018

Bacc Collection, curated by Associazione Contemporanea Bacc, Rome Fair, Rome Roma d'Arte Expo, curated by Associazione Contemporanea Bacc, Rome Fair, Rome Keramikos, curated by Lorenzo Fiorucci, Ce.C. Valle Faul, Viterbo, Italy La ceramica in Circolo, Spazio Nibe, Milan La ceramica in Circolo, Angel Church, Bassano del Grappa, Italy

La ceramica in Circolo, Sala Scura, Exhibition Palace Faenza, Italy

*Brocche d'Autore,* curated by Ettore Sannipoli, Palazzo dei Consoli, Communal Museum, Gubbio, Italy

Impronte Vegetali, curated by Mara Ruzza, Cathedral Ex Macello, Padua, Italy

Eterogenea, curated by Giorgio Croce, Comune di Bastia Umbra, Bastia (PG), Italy

Brama Mondi Paralleli, Omaggio a Brajo Fuso, curated by Andrea Baffoni, Fuseum, Perugia, Italy

# 2016

*Il sole negli orci,* curated by Gianna Besson, Archaeological Research Museum of Vulci, Canino, Italy

Auditorium Ranieri III, Christmas Eve night for Italians in Montecarlo (Com.It.es.), Montecarlo *Cube compressi*, curated by E. Gabrieli and R. Antonelli, keramos, Rome

Cube compressi, curated by E. Gabrieli and R. Antonelli, Creativy oggetti, Turin, Italy

Cafè de Paris, XVI week of the Italian language in the world, Montecarlo

Tower of Babel, Givatayim City Gallery Israel, Tel Aviv, Israel

*Cube compressi*, curated by E. Gabrieli and R. Antonelli, Versando Torgiano, Torgiano, Italy *Berlino Pozzuolo Perugia*, curated by Andrea Baffoni, Moretti Palace, Pozzuolo Umbro, Italy *Cube compressi*, curated by E. Gabrieli and R. Antonelli, Faenza, Italy

Tower of Babel, Trebisonda Contemporary Art Centre, Perugia, Italy

*Cavum et Via arte*, curated by Mario Palmieri and Mirna Manni, Bassano in Teverina (VT), Italy *Musica per uomini e bestie*, curated by Andrea Ceccomori and LAV Association, Assisi, Bosco di San Francesco, Assisi, Italy

*Pietra Liquida*, curated by Francesco Paolo Del Re, Domus del Criptoportico, Vulci Viterbo, Italy Performance of Carole Magnini, Attilio Quintili, and installation: *Senza titolo*, Spoleto, Italy *Tower of Babel,* Schema Projects, Brooklyn New York, USA

*L'istruttoria*, from the essay of Peter Weiss, directed by Roberto Biselli (Sacco Theatre), curated by Andrea Baffoni and Francesca Duranti, Ponte Felcino, Perugia, Italy

# 2015

La leggerezza della scultura, X ed. 2015, curated by Anselmo Villalta, Parco dell'Arte, Cerrina, Alessandria, Italy

Visoavviso, curated by Volume, Fuseum centro per l'arte di Brajo Fuso, Perugia, Italy



*Terrae*, la ceramica nell'informale e nella ricerca contemporanea, curated by Lorenzo Fiorucci, Communal Pinacoteque, Città di Castello (PG), Italy

Maestri della ceramica, Fornace Pasquinucci, Piazza Dori, Capraia Fiorentina, Italy

*Di Terra in Terra*, curated by Domenico Iaracà, Ceramic Regional Museum, Deruta, Perugia, Italy *Incontrinterra Torgiano*, ideated and curated by Attilio Quintili, MACC, Torgiano, Municipality of Torgiano, Italy

*Campo di frammento,* Memorial Day, Loggia del Capitaniato, Piazza del Signori Vicenza, Italy *Naturalnero*, curated by Giovanni Brenci, Assisi, Italy

Impermanente II.6, Perugia, Italy

*Campo di Frammenti*, Loggia del Capitaniato, Piazza dei Signori, Vicenza, Italy La leggerezza della scultura – X ed., curated by Anselmo Villata, Cerrina (AL), Italy visoavviso, curated by Volume, Perugia, Italy

*Terrae* – La ceramica nell'informale e nella ricerca contemporanea, curated by Lorenzo Fiorucci, Città di Castello Pinacoteque, Italy

# 2014

Incontrinterra Deruta, Freemocco's House, Deruta, Italy

Postcarts2, curated by Giorgio Croce, Bac, Assisi, Italy

*Baculus – Bastoni agli Orti del Sole*, idea and project by STUDIO A'87, curated by Emanuele De Donno, Gianluca Marziani, Franco Troiani, Complesso Monumentale San Carlo Borromeo, Spoleto, Italy

Di Terra in Terra, curated by Domenico Iaracà, Ex Molino Antonibon Barettoni, Nove, Vicenza, Italy

*Incontrinterra Deruta*, ideated and curated by Attilio Quintili, ex Fornace Grazia, Deruta, ProDeruta, Municipality of Deruta, Italy

La Camera del Mago, curated by Andrea Baffoni, Museo del Laterizio e delle terrecotte, Marsciano (PG), Italy

*Keramikos,* curated by Luciano Marziano, Archaeological National Museum, Tuscania, Italy *Di Terra in Terra*, curated by Domenico Iaracà, Sperelliana Library, Gubbio, Perugia, Italy *Accetta la vita – Attilio Quintili*, Assisi, Ex Pinacoteca, LIFE, Contemporary Culture Festival, Italy

# 2013

PosctcArts, curated by Giorgio Croce, BAC, Assisi, Italy

*Il silenzio del pieno*, curated by Andrea Baffoni, Attilio Quintili e Luca Costantini (sound performance), *Nauart*, Perugia, Italy

# 2012

*Spiritualità e Materia,* idea of Attilio Quintili, ex Fornace Grazia, Deruta, ProDeruta, Municipality of Deruta, Italy

*Illustra*, Attilio Quintili, Massimo Arzilli, Daniele Buschi and Andrea Ceccomori, Villa Taticchi, Ponte Pattoli (PG), Italy

Viaggio Verso l'inaccessibile, Assisi in Arte, Assisi (PG), Italy

Una stella mille stelle, Monastery of the Benedictine Fathers of the Abbey of San Pietro in Perugia, Italy



## 2011

*Natività*, 2011, idea of Attilio Quintili, Regional Museum of Ceramics, Deruta, ProDeruta-Municipality of Deruta, Italy

## 2010

*Facce da schiaffi,* Rione Valle Deruta, curated by Attilio Quintili, *Deruta Per...,* Italy *Numi Tutelari,* Rione Valle Deruta, curated by Attilio Quintili, *Deruta Per...,* Italy

## 2009

*Iridescenze*, curated by Attilio Quintili, ex fornace Grazia, Deruta, *Deruta Per…*, Italy *II profumo delle Maioliche*, curated by Francesco Paretti, Musèe International de la profumerie, Grasse, France

*Il profumo delle Maioliche,* curated by Francesco Paretti, Regional Museum of Ceramics, Deruta, Italy

Peccati, idea of Attilio Quintili, Sant'Antonio Abate Church, Deruta, ProDeruta, Italy

# 2008

Deruta interpretate Pintoricchio, Municipality of Deruta, Deruta, Italy

## 2004

*Fatto in Deruta*, curated by Franco Cocchi and Giulio Busti, Regional Museum of Ceramics, Deruta, Italy

#### 2001

Dulce est Amare, curated by Franco Cocchi and Giulio Busti, Regional Museum of Ceramics, Deruta, Italy

#### 1998

*Ceramiche Tradizionali di Deruta,* curated by Franco Cocchi and Giulio Busti, former factory of the Majolica of Deruta, Deruta, Italy

#### 1997

Ceramiche tradizionali di Deruta, curated by Giulio Busti, Strasburg, European Parliament

# **ARTIST'S BOOKS**

#### 2019

L'ottavo giorno, Book: n. 21 copies, 324 pages, hand stiched, cm 20x20x3

#### 2017

*INSIDE*, Freemocco editions, cm 20×20, n. 108 pages, plastic cover, hand stiched, case, n.99 numbered copies *Naturalnero* 



#### **2014** *Penta*

Il silenzio del pieno, curated by Attilio Quintili, cm14x30, 36 pages, Freemocco Book

# PUBLICATIONS

## 2019

Attilio Quintili - Kauwa-Auwa-, Freemocco editions, 96 pages, Isbn

## 2016

Attilio Quintili Off White Bianco Sporco, Freemocco editions, 132 pages, isbn 978-88-943926-1-6. Attilio Quintili Naturalnero, Impermanente II6, ArtStyle Gallery, catalogue pag.16, 2015

#### 2015

*Naturalnero*, Minigallery, booklet *Il silenzio del pieno*, curated by Attilio Quintili, cm14x30, 36 pages, Freemocco Book

## 2014

Attilio Quintili, Officinae d'arte#7, Cavour Art, catalogue pag. 48

### 2013

Attilio Quintili, Terra di Rinascita, La rocca editrice pag. 80, isbn 978-88-88364-33-9 Attilio Quintili, Terra di Rinascita, La rocca editrice, pag. 80, isbn 978-88-88364-33-9, Special Series, 99 copies

#### 2011

Attilio Quintili, Importunum, Roccafiore Degustarte, catalogue pag. 32, Todi

# INSTALLATIONS

#### 2018

*L'ottavo giorno*, Valle Faul, Cultural Centre, Viterbo, Italy *L'arte e lo Spazio (action),* Trebisonda, Perugia, Italy

#### 2017

Inside, artist studio, Deruta, Perugia, Italy

#### 2016

*Campo di rinascita*, Ex Lanificio, Ponte Felcino Perugia, Italy *Il fuoco nero,* Bassano in Teverina Viterbo, Italy

#### 2015

*Campo di frammenti*, Piazza del Signori, Vicenza, Italy *in-umana azione*, site-specific installation, National Archaeological Museum of Tuscania

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Raggi d'ulivo, Trevi (PG), Italy Dirà, Trevi (PG), Italy

# 2014

*Il fuoco Nero,* Museo dinamico del Laterizio e delle terrecotte, Marsciano (PG), Italy *Acqua di fuoco,* entrance hall of Palazzo Eustachi, Terni, Italy

# 2013

Senza titolo, *Spoleto, Italy Buffet,* Museum of Archaeological Research of Vulci, Canino VT, Italy, curated by Magazzini della Lupa Association, in collaboration with Luciano Marziano

# PERFORMANCE

L'arte e lo Spazio – action – Trebisonda C.A.C. Perugia, Italy INSIDE – artist's studio, Deruta, Italy Explosion, Parco dell'Arte, Cerrina (AL), Italy Explosion, Fuseum, Perugia, Italy

# VIDEOS

**2013** Il silenzio del pieno

**2014** Senza titolo, video EX Fuoco nero