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At the base there are images that have a particular meaning for me, they come from my personal experience or from distant stories that I feel involved in. When I focus on an image, meanings, analogies, contrasts and complementary elements start to emerge that I decide to discard or to keep until everything becomes perfectly clear. I prefer to start from an image of the present to bring it to its origin, invent the stories that constitute my current reality, give life to figures that embody sensations and particular meanings. The process is never the same, sometimes it also happens to come across remote images, of times never lived and never seen with which I accidentally find a connection. Not everything happens exclusively in the mind, once I start, painting becomes the protagonist. Colour guides the mental image, dilates it, transforms it and depletes it, even to the point of completely overturning its meaning. Surely it is always the painting in relation to the image to have the last word, to pull the strings of the speech.

-Courtesy of the artist

BIOGRAPHY

Leonardo Devito (Florence, 1997) lives and works in Turin. He studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Florence and at the Akademie der Bildenden Künste in Vienna. In 2020 he graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts in Florence. He is currently attending the Painting Degree at the Albertina Academy of Fine Arts in Turin. His training is strongly linked to the urban art that he has practiced over the years using the pseudonym Mehstre.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021 "GIORNI E L'INFANTE", B.east Gallery, Florence

2018 "48H" PALAZZO DEI PAINTERS OF FLORENCE, curated by Leonardo Moretti and Academy of Fine Arts of Florence, Florence

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021 "UNITY WANTED VOLUME 2", Street Levels Gallery, Florence

2019 "URBAN ART CITY", curated by "Street Levels Gallery", Civic Art Gallery of Follonica, Follonica

2019 "XI BIENNALE DI INCISIONE" within the exhibition "Jean Dubuffet - Mimmo Paladino" Mac, n, Monsummano Terme



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Veglia (Wake), 2022

Oil on canvas

39.4 x 39.4 in

100 x 100 cm