



Il Tempio. La nascita dell'Eidos

The Temple. Birth of the Eidos

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- Discovered in the archives of the artists, previously unpublished material related to a collaborative project that was never completed

Between 1970 and 1971, Italian artists Paolo Scheggi and Vincenzo Agnetti worked together on a project they called *The Temple. Birth of Eidos*. Due to Scheggi's untimely death in 1971 at the age of 31, the project remained unfinished. These previously unpublished preparatory sketches, drawings, and notes, which were shown at the Museo Novecento in Florence, are examined in essays by Ilaria Bignotti and Bruno Corà and texts by Germana Agnetti and Cosima Scheggi, daughters of the two artists and directors of their respective archives. The concept of the project was to create a sacred place, a temple, to contain linguistic objects representing primary forms of community, subjectivity and power, linking these with the artistic and theoretical research the two artists were conducting at the time.

Agnetti died 10 years after his friend and colleague. His research followed a new route but remained closely linked with that idea born in 1968, that "any work, any artistic object, any gesture is a critical reminder of reality and our existence". (Germana Agnetti).

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Bruno Corà is one of Italy's most renowned critics of contemporary art. He has written extensively on the Arte Povera period and its artists, in particular Alberto Burri, and has curated exhibitions on Burri, Louise Nevelson, Lucio Fontana, Michelangelo Pistoletto and Fausto Melotti, among others. He has been involved in the running of numerous notable art institutions, including the Palazzo Fabroni in Pistoia, the Pecci Museum in Prato, and the CAMEC (Centro d'arte moderna e contemporanea) in La Spezia. He has written extensively (monographs on artists and texts for innumerable exhibitions) and has taught at the Accademia di Belle Arti in Perugia, and the Università di Studi di Cassino. He is currently the president of the Fondazione Burri.