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BIOGRAPHY

The artist is from the generation grown in front of the TV: since the infancy, he was fed with cartoons, advertising, science-fiction movies. As a small NERD from the Eighties, his interests were early turned toward technological knowledge (the artificial brain myth) rather than soccer game and, if games passionate him at all, were those he found, and collected, within the Kinder Surprise eggs. Soon later, the adolescent fell in love with all sorts of metropolitan culture: street art, break dance and Hip Hop music, especially the first electronically sampled sound research. Finally, he focused on the artistic shapes of urban installations and obsessively investigated the iconic language of street signals, thus taking <real> world as a baseline to allude to, and to spill over into, the <art> world, its visions, its deliriums, its truths. Though never oblivious of the early love for science and technologies, this research path allows for a much cherished and purposefully revealing linkage of the art work with a social accent. Inspired by a playful taste, Pulitano nevertheless conveys thoughtful remarks and a proper philosophy of life about the salient topics of his generation's material and symbolic environment. Like the creative mixes of a visual DJ of sorts, his recycled art works bring to the fullest expression the inexhaustible semantic richness inherent in the human experience.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2008

Training course of Web Producer (Adobe Flash CS3 – Adobe Dreamweaver CS3 – Adobe Illustrator CS3) Result: First Class

Degree in Visual Arts and Performing Arts, with a thesis on "Theory and methodology of contemporary art " FUTURAMA (Art between science and science fiction).

Fine Arts Academy - Reggio Calabria (I) Result: First Class Honours (110/110 +Distinction)

2005

Degree in Graphic Design, with a thesis on "The word design - birth and the development of modern global signs" - Fine Arts Academy – Reggio Calabria (I)

Result: First Class Honours (110/110 +Distinction)

1999

Self-taught classes on metropolitan dance – Break Dance tourneys through Italy and Europe

WORKSHOPS, STAGES AND RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE

2009

For ME

Workshop by Tino Caspanello and Giacomo Miracola – Messina, Italy.

Open Hardware and creativity: Arduino case

Workshop by Massimo Banzi, co-founder of the Arduino Project – Skopje, Republic of Macedonia.

Artist's Residency in Montrouge – Paris - France (April-May 2009)

2008

Art Numerique

Workshop by Stanley Douglas, professor of Digital Art - School of Art - Aix en Provence

Exploring the opportunities of digital tools

stage with Folly and Neural.it, promoted by Labforculture- Levante's Fair, Bari (I)

Nano-Tech Design

Workshop by Marco Petroni, Design Critic, Levante's Fair , Bari (I)

Sculpture and Digital Animation

Workshop by Marcello Reina and Luca Daretti - Levante's Fair , Bari (I)

2007

Look for Green

Stage by Japanese bio-artist "Jun Takita" - PAV (Living Art Park), Turin (I)

Art Shakes Politics (To Extend the Borders of Freedom)

Workshop by Daniele Pario Perra and Giancarlo Norese, - S. Lucia del Mela, Messina (I)

2006

Choices.it

Workshop by Artur Zmijewski – Partner: ISIDEM (Islands and Identity in Motion) – and EU - Civic Art Contemporary Museum- Syracuse - Gianluca Collica (Advisor of Heritage Malta) and Salvatore Lacagnina.

2004

Art and Brain

Seminar of Neuroaesthetics, organized by Nobel Prize Semir Zeki

Academy of Arts - Reggio Calabria (I)

COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

2010

Mondadori Art Prize ' 10 - First place winner

(Sculpture section), Palace of Permanente, Milan

2009

Celeste Prize 09 (Italy) - First place winner

Borroni Factory - Bollate, Milan.

Gruppo Bancario Credito Valtellinese – Purchase Award 09'

ARTO' – International fair of Modern and Contemporary Art – Palazzo dei Congressi - Roma

SEAT White Pages Competition '08/'09

National Honours Mention and Work published on White Pages

Reggio Calabria City

2008

Mondadori Art Prize ' 08

(Sculpture section), Palace of Permanente, Milan - ArSelected -

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Targetti Light Art international Award - 5TH edition

- 7TH Finalist Selected -

2006

GAI Artist Of The Month (May)

Giovani Artisti Italiani (GAI) www.giovanartisti.it / www.gai.informadove.it

CONTEMPORARY ART FAIR

2010

The Affordable Art Fair Milan

International Art Fair of Milan (I)

Angel Art Gallery - Milano

Artverona 10'

International Art Fair of Verona (I)

Angel Art Gallery - Milano

Artmonaco 10' -

International Art Fair of Monaco (f)
Angel Art Gallery - Milano

KunStart 10' -

7th International Art Fair of Bolzano (I)
Gallery - Artecontemporanea - Catania/Bruxells

2009**Artverona 09'**

International Art Fair of Verona (I)
Angel Art Gallery - Milano

KunStart 09' -

6th International Art Fair of Bolzano (I)
Gallery - Artecontemporanea Catania/Bruxells

ARTO' - Artfair in OpenCity 09'

International fair of Modern and Contemporary Art, Palazzo dei Congressi, Roma (I)
Gallery - Artecontemporanea Catania/Bruxells

2008**28th Art Expo**

International fair of Modern and Contemporary Art, curator Philip Malice, Fair of Levante, Bari (I)

Art First 2008

International Art Fair of Bologna (I), Vernon Gallery - Prague (Czech Republic)

2007**Artissima 14**

International Art Fair of Turin (I), Vernon Gallery - Prague (Czech Republic)

CONTEMPORARY ART FESTIVAL**2009****CheapArt -09'**

International Contemporary Art Festival of Salonicco
Stratopedo kodra, Kalamaria, Salonicco

Night Culture -09'

International Contemporary Art Festival of Messina (I)
Curator Enrica Carnazza, Installation site specific Chiesa S. Maria Alemanna (ME)

2008**TINA-B**

International Contemporary Art Festival - Prague'08
Section: Darkness Is Noon, curator Rosa Anna Musumeci (Italian cultural centre) Praga, Czech Republic.

Sisma'08

(Silent South Korean Modern Art)
Section: Video installation, curator Remo Malice
Ecoland Former Military Arghilla- Catona (RC) (I)

Flower

International electronic music festival.
Section: Video animation, curator Alessandra Ferlito
Mercati Generali - Catania

PERFORMANCE/ACTIONS**2009**

Rock on ! Street performance for XIV edition of the Biennial of young artists from Europe and the Mediterranean - (City Square) Skopje, Republic of Macedonia

SOLO SHOW EXHIBITIONS**2009****Christmas arToy**

Angel Art Gallery - Milano

FAKE ADDICTED (Residency visual project)

Atelier Allée de la Vallière - Montrouge, Paris - curator Andrea Polsini

BIENNIAL OF CONTEMPORARY ART

2011

Biennale JCE 2009/11 (Jeune Création Européenne)

Biennale itinérante D'art Contemporain

Centre Culturel de Tecla Sala - L'Hospitalet de Llobregat, Espagne

Biennale JCE 2009/11 (Jeune Création Européenne)

Biennale itinérante D'art Contemporain

Musée Amadeo de Souza Cardoso - Amarante, Portugal

Biennale JCE 2009/11 (Jeune Création Européenne)

Biennale itinérante D'art Contemporain

Palazzo Ducale, Genova - Italia

Biennale JCE 2009/11 (Jeune Création Européenne)

Biennale itinérante D'art Contemporain

Galerie im Taklaus - Salzburg, Autriche

2010

Biennale JCE 2009/11 (Jeune Création Européenne)

Biennale itinérante D'art Contemporain

Art Exhibition Hall – Pécs, Hongrie

Biennale JCE 2009/11 (Jeune Création Européenne)

Biennale itinérante D'art Contemporain

Galerie Municipale de Bratislava – Bratislava, Slovaquie

Biennale JCE 2009/11 (Jeune Création Européenne)

Biennale itinérante D'art Contemporain

Art Exhibition Hall – Klaipėda, Lituanie

2009

Biennale JCE 2009/11 (Jeune Création Européenne)

Biennale itinérante D'art Contemporain

Theatre De Montrouge - Montrouge, Paris

XIV edition of the Biennial of young artists from Europe and the Mediterranean

Skopje, Republic of Macedonia

2008

XIII edition of the Biennial of young artists from Europe and the Mediterranean

Fair of Levante, Bari (I)

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2010

DaDaunPoP

Institute of Italian Culture - New Delhi, India – curator Igor Zanti

Love for Sale

Monteruzzo Castle, Castiglione Olona, Varese(I) - catalogue

2009

Message Out a Bottle

Spazioinmostra Gallery – Milano (I)

NewPOP/POPsurreale

Angel Art Gallery – Milano

Circle

curator Alessandra Menesini

Bartoli-Felter Foundation - Ex Lazzaretto Sant'Elia – Cagliari (I)

Espressioni Italiane

curator RosAnna Musumeci, Francesco Lucifora, Afrodite Oikonomidou

Exhibition space Technopolis, Gazi, Atene

DAB – Roma, Design for Artshop Bookshop

curator Ornella Corradini

Palazzo delle esposizioni, Roma (I)

2008

SEgni 20x20

artist invited section, curator selection by Rosa Anna Musumeci D. Terr Gallery-Torino (I)

DAB - Design for Artshop Bookshop

curator Ornella Corradini

Civic Gallery of Palazzo S. Margherita-Modena (I)

SEGNI - L'arte sale in tram

artist invited section, curator selection by Rosa Anna Musumeci D. Terr Gallery-Torino (I)

Recupage

curator Alessandra Menesini

Bartoli-Felter Foundation - Ex Lazzaretto Sant'Elia - Cagliari (I)

Preview of the Biennial young artists from Europe and the Mediterranean

curator Enrica Carnazza, Teatro Vittorio Emanuele - Messina (I)

2007**SEGNI 20x20**

curator Delia Gianti

Turin Public Institution - Torino (I)

Talent to save II

Curator Rosalind Leigh Cristina

Musarra Foundation, Capo d'Orlando, Messina (I)

Musae, Traveling exhibition: Aci Castello, Aci Catena, Grammichele, in Militello Val di Catania, S. Agata Li Battiati, Valverde, Zafferana Etnea.

Curated by City Management (Milan)

Radical She II

curated by FARM AND FAB Art association, Favara Castle, Agrigento (I)

Wars or Words?

curators Luca Vona and Alessandra Menesini

Bartoli-Felter Foundation- ExLazzaretto Sant'Elia - Cagliari (I)

Gemine Muse 2007

curator Stefania Lanuzza

GAI (national association to promotion Young Italian Artist) - Forte Ogliastro - Messina (I)

Choices.it

curator Salvatore Lacagnina - Montevergini

Civic Gallery of Contemporary Art - Siracusa

2006**Hand Luggage Art**

Marina Palace Hotel - Acitrezza (CT) (I)

Curator Alessandra Ferlito

Talent to save

curator Rosalind Leigh Cristina

St. Maria dei Poveri Church- S. Marco d'Alunzio (ME) (I)

Arte & Sud obiettivo contemporaneo

curator Antonio Arevalo, Art Museum- Normanno Castle - Acicastello-CT (I); partner: 15 Italian Municipalities, GAI (Young Italian Artists)

Quotidiana 06

curators Guido Bartorelli and Stefania Schiavon, Civic Museum el Santo - Padova

Tutto scorre

curator Gabriele Perretta - Lungomare di Locri - Locri (RC)-Italy

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DaDaunPoP - group Exhibitions

Istituto di Cultura Italiano, New Delhi, India - Curator Igor Zanti /catalogue 2010.

Youn blood 09, Annuale dei talenti italiani premiati nel mondo, Next Exit, Roma/ book 2010.

Love for Sale - group Exhibitions (Castello di Monteruzzo), Castiglione Olona, Varese / catalogue 2010

KunStart 10' - 7th International Art Fair of Bolzano (I) / catalogue 2010.

2009

Christmas arToy, Solo show Exhibitions (Angel Art Gallery), Milano / catalogue 2009.

Message Out a Bottle, group Exhibitions (Galleria Spazioinmostra), Milano / catalogue 2009.

Premio Celeste - Prize 09, group Exhibitions (Fabbrica Borroni) Bollate, Milano / catalogue 2009.

Artverona 09' - International Art Fair of Verona (I) / catalogue 2009.

JEUNE CRÉATION EUROPÉENNE - Biennale itinérante D'art Contemporain - Theatre De Montrouge, Montrouge, Paris / catalogue 2009.
XIV edition of the Biennial of young artists from Europe and the Mediterranean - Skopje, Republic of Macedonia / catalogue Electa 2009.
Circle - Group Exhibitions (Bartoli-Felter Foundation) Ex Lazzaretto Sant'Elia – Cagliari (I) / catalogue 2009.
KunStart 09' - 6th International Art Fair of Bolzano (I) / catalogue 2009.
Espressioni Italiane - Group Exhibitions (space Technopolis) Gazi, Atene / catalogue 2009.
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DAB - Design for Artshop Bookshop - Group Exhibitions (Civic Gallery of Palazzo S. Margherita) Modena (I) catalogue / 2008-09
Recupage - Group Exhibitions (Bartoli-Felter Foundation) Ex Lazzaretto Sant'Elia – Cagliari (I) / catalogue 2008.
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XIII edition of the Biennial of young artists from Europe and the Mediterranean - Fair of Levante, Bari (I) catalogue Electa 2008.
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Gemine Muse 2007 - Group Exhibitions (Forte Ogliastro) Messina (I) / catalogue 2007.
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Talent to save - Group Exhibitions (St. Maria dei Poveri Church- S. Marco d'Alunzio) Messina (I) / catalogue 2006.
Arte & Sud obiettivo contemporaneo - Group Exhibitions (Art Museum- Normanno Castle) Acicastello-CT (I) / catalogue 2006.
Quotidiana 06 - Group Exhibitions (Civic Museum el Santo) Padova (I) / catalogue 2006.

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