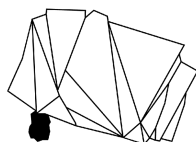


INTER-REALITY

NORTON MAZA

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Inter-Reality

Commissioner: **Florencia Loewenthal**

Curators: **Marisa Caichiolo, Dermis León**

Exhibitor: **Norton Maza**

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Organisation: **A joint initiative of the Ministry of Cultures, Arts and Heritage and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Chile.**

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Opening Ceremony: May 6, 4:45pm

“The more globalized we are, the higher the walls grow, and to cross them one must become objects, disguise oneself as electrodomeotics to reach the destination; it’s as if one renounces the condition of being alive in order to have value. That is the Inter-Reality of today.”

Norton Maza

Inter-Reality, a new immersive and multisensory installation by Chilean artist **Norton Maza**, curated by **Dermis León** and **Marisa Caichiolo**, has been selected to represent Chile at the 61st International Art Exhibition – La Biennale di Venezia.

The project brings together diverse audiences and collective forms of knowledge around a **critical reflection on truth, coexistence, and the fragmentation of reality**. *Inter-Reality* unfolds within a productive tension between the large-scale installation and materiality that plays between the real

and the simulation. Through illusion, simulacrum, and multiple perspectives—central to Maza’s long-standing practice rooted in Western classical and Baroque traditions—the work articulates a complex perceptual field that **challenges fixed viewpoints**.

The installation consists of a **large architectural structure** set upon a rock, penetrated by an electrical pole with gold-covered generators and crowned by a Harris’ hawk (*peuco* in Chile). The interior—accessible through four small peepholes—reveals animated dioramas of classical landscapes accompanied by movement and sound. Surrounding elements, including a human figure, a boarding ladder, and a pilot’s helmet, guide the viewer toward alternative viewpoints of the central structure. Together, these components act as symbolic thresholds that prompt reflection on memory, civic responsibility, and the interrelation between power, truth, and freedom.

Conceived as a **shared spatial environment** rather than a single sculptural object, *Inter-Reality* proposes a slower rhythm of perception and an expanded sense of time, moving beyond binary oppositions and enabling a layered, immersive experience. Through a large-scale architectural framework and a constellation of visual and sound elements, the artwork invites visitors to navigate shifting viewpoints.

Developed in Santiago de Chile, *Inter-Reality* addresses **global issues from a situated South American perspective**, including **migration, ecological crisis, geopolitical war-conflicts, disinformation, and political tensions**. The project opens a space for critical, ethical, and **collective dialogue**, exemplifying Norton Maza’s collaborative practice through the **integration of original music, advanced technologies, and hyperrealistic elements** to create a shared, reflective environment.

The project was chosen through an open call organised by Chile’s Ministry of Cultures, Arts and Heritage, in recognition of its curatorial strength, artistic excellence, and technical feasibility.

Chile’s participation in the 61st International Art Exhibition of La Biennale di Venezia is the result of the inter-institutional collaboration between the Ministry of Cultures, Arts and Heritage, through its Executive Secretariat for Visual Arts, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, via the Division of Cultures, Arts, Heritage and Public Diplomacy (DIRAC), together with the Embassy of Chile in Italy.

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