

PRESS RELEASE

**THE FRENCH ILLUSTRATOR LUCAS RACASSE  
WON THE 1st EDITION OF THE ARTGALLERY AWARD**

**Roberta Segata and Chiara Fersini to come Joint Second  
Luca Baldassari, Third Place, and Sara Capatti, Mention of the Jury**

Milan, April 8 2010

The Scientific Committee, meeting Wednesday April 7 2010, has appointed the French Illustrator, Lucas Racasse as the winner of the 1st Edition of The ArtGallery Award.

The excellent quality of the works submitted to the Jury and the numerous adhesion by artists from different Countries around the world have given the Scientific Committee the opportunity to evaluate various technical works, from painting to sculpture, photography and installations.

The Jury, which appointed Lucas Racasse as the Winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, consisted of a prestigious representatives of the world of Art and Visual Communication, Culture, and Business: Cristina Ambrosini for the Regional Directorate of National Heritage Cultural and Landscape of Lombardy; Andrea Contin, Professor of Painting, and artist; Jean Jacques Dubau, Managing Director Campari Italy; Marina Mojana, Art critic and journalist; Loredana Parmesani, Art critic; Mario Zancanella, as representative of the Italian Government, and Member of the Commission for the Protection of Venice Environment.

Lucas Racasse will have the opportunity to present his personal exhibition which will take place next summer in Milan, by the support of ArtGallery.

ArtGallery will sustain Lucas Racasse with the organization of the exhibition, the support of a relevant curator and communications team, to give visibility and importance to the artist and the whole initiative.

### **Lucas Racasse**

Lucas Racasse is a French illustrator and film director, born in 1969, and currently based in Brussels. After two years at the School of Arts 'La Cambre' in Brussels (1985-1987) and various work placements in advertising and publicity agencies, he decided to experiment unconventional graphics working for famous theatres' companies. He has participated to exhibitions in Belgium, France, and Italy.

## Members of the Scientific Committee

Cristina Ambrosini - Archaeologist, Regional Directorate of National Heritage Cultural and Landscape of Lombardy

Anthonio Barrese - Artist, Professor of Graphic Design at *Politecnico di Milano*

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Angelo Colella - Director, School of Graphic Design

Andrea Contin - Professor at Boston University, Artist

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Marina Gargiulo - Art historian - Regional Directorate for Cultural Heritage and Landscape of Lombardy

Marina Mojana - Art critic and journalist

Loredana Parmesani - Art Critic

Laura Pitscheider - -Artist, Journalist

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Bruno Zanaboni - General Director, AIPB - Italian Association Private Banking

Marino Zancanella - Member of the Commission for the Protection of Venice Environment

Interviews to the Members of the Scientific Committee, information about finalists, winners, and all participants are available at: [www.associazioneartgallery.org](http://www.associazioneartgallery.org)

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