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### DRAWINGS AND WATERCOLOURS

Dreaming is an experience we all live, which we recall, once awake, of varying degrees. Yet, dreams remain subjective, ambiguous, fragmentary, opaque. Dreams are at once fantasised and reliable, merging sacred and profane, magic and reality. It can also be, symbolically, a manifestation of an "elsewhere" in which to believe or be wary of. The dreaming experience can also be an unconscious manifestation of desire, a reality that remains hidden and protected within us, nurtured by thoughts that are unknown to others. Such illusionary reality remains also a private space, a personal dimension, created by and for us.

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Dream, oneirism and the unconscious are celebrated, in Ticca's work, as a dimension where we can still find a space for freedom: the possibility to be simply ourselves and, at the same time, the "other".



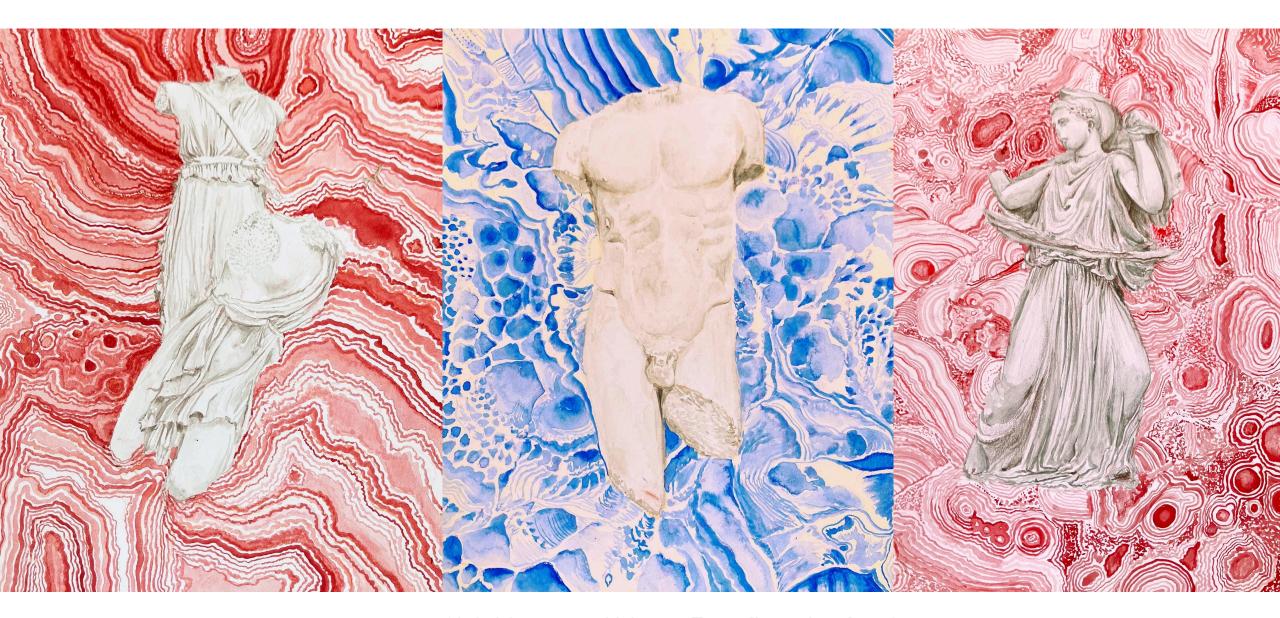


By fetishizing the ordinary, and exploring the emotional investment he attributes to his own objects, Elio Ticca digests his memories by playing with the commonplace, kitsch aesthetics, and predictable kitchen setups. Like both an investigator on a forensic scene, and a theatre director designing a performance, the artist inquires his own experiences through painting. The work, both a snapshot of life and a symbolic self-portrait, is then crystallised into a seemingly archaeological ground, where a new light has to be shed on memories and emotions, nostalgia and belonging, suffering and joyfulness, displacement and rootedness.





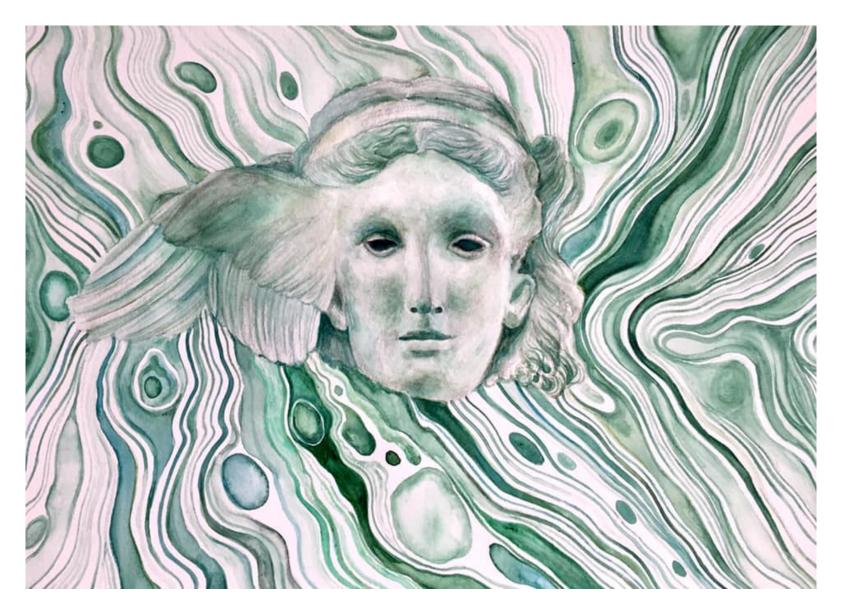
Philosopher, Pan, Venus. Glyptoteket, Copenhagen.
Watercolour and coloured pencil on paper
21 x 15 cm each



Niobid, Arttemis and Iphigenia, Torso, Glyptoteket, Copenhagen.

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Psychhypnos, 2020 watercolour on paper 29,7 x 42 cm





Sleeping Ariadne – Sleeping Faun Underwater coloured pencil and watercolour on paper 42 x 29,7 cm each

#### ABOUT

Elio Ticca (Italy, 1988) is an artist who works with painting, sculpture and installation. Graduated in visual arts at IUAV University, Italy, and in art history at the University of Leeds, United Kingdom, Ticca questions the relationships between historical and contemporary artistic languages, matrix and copy, authenticity and fiction.

Through a process of camouflage and recreation, his work aims to investigate how the representation of affect can be conceptually and culturally deconstructed, as well as narrated in new plastic and visual forms.

### EDUCATION

2007-201 I IUAV University of Venice, Italy BA Visual and Performing Arts

2013-2014
University of Leeds, School of Fine Arts, Histories of Art and Cultural Studies, United Kingdom
MA History of Art

2018-2020 Art-T – School of Performing Arts, Brussels Course in Art Therapy



#### **SELECTED EXHIBITIONS**

2022

Tales from the inside\_out: lost in the mirror
Curated by Marta Orsola Sironi
Porta Garibaldi Railway Station, Milan, Italy

Paradise is exactly where we are right now
Only much, much better
Curated by Virginia Lupo and Marta Orsola Sironi
Palazzo Spinola di Luccoli, Genoa, Italy

Twenty Art Fair Brussels, with La peau de l'ours gallery Brussels – Brussels, Belgium

Trauma Fauna Shame Galllery, Brussels – Brussels, Belgium

2021

Ringkomposition — Elio Ticca La peau de l'ours gallery, Brussels, Belgium 2020

A room, a kitchen, dishes, light — Elio Ticca Ballon Rouge Collective, Brussels, Belgium 2019 Bloody Cheque – Elio Ticca Curated by Anna Oggiano Spazio E\_EmmE, Cagliari, Italy

Fiber Art Biennale of Sardinia I
Curated by Baingio Cuccu and Anna Rita Punzo
Murats – Fiber Art Museum of Sardinia, Samugheo, Italy

2019

Finestre Veneziane – Venetian Windows – Elio Ticca
Arte Laguna Prize – Business for Art award
Tessiture Bevilacqua, Venice

Zefiro Torna – Elio Ticca VisionOttica Ticca, Ozieri, Italy

2018

Collateral Solutions — Elio Ticca Casa Manconi, Nuoro, Italy

Le Donne, I Cavallier, L'Arme, Gli Amori Curated by Anna Rita Punzo and Ivo Seraino Fenu Pinacoteca Comunale Carlo Contini, Oristano, Italy 2017

The Contended Witness – ElioTicca & Mary Della Giovanna
Curated by Giulia Blasig Interface HUB/ART,
Milan, Italy

Felure/Failure of the Matter
Curated by Giulia Blasig and Arthur Fogel
Tailleurs D'Images, Brussels, Belgium

2015
Maps
Curated by SCENE – Ian Law and Anna Hastings
70 Paul Street, London, UK

2013 Congiunzioni Festival

Festival of visual and performing arts Curated by Gianluca Asmundo and Maria Grazia Galatà, Venice

2012

Zoom Zoom Fest, Festival of visual and performing arts Curated by Serena Luce Padua, Italy

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