

The Airport hosts the exhibit *On the path to a dream The island of Ischia as viewed in the photographs of young photographer Oscar Pantalone*

Naples Airport is hosting an exhibit, in the recently refurbished, expanded first-floor waiting area, of the young photographer Oscar Pantalone which is entitled *On the path to a dream* - a selection of lovely images of the island of Ischia.

In his photos, Pantalone proposes a series of emotions associated with various scenarios of the Green Island which appears enchanted and thus the title of the exhibit **On the path to a dream**. The photos of landscapes and evocative glimpses of Ischia, especially the town of Forio where the young photographer lives and works, are accompanied by quotations from the works of celebrated writers who have visited Ischia such as *Truman Capote*, *W. H. Auden* and others.

"When you return home after having travelled to distant lands, you become aware of the energy which is present in certain areas of your own country. The colours are vibrant and these areas come to life as you lose perception of the passage of time and the bustle of daily life. Thus, through photography, reality becomes an exercise of fantasy and an expression of pure emotion. Therefore, this exhibit is aimed at expressing ideal beauty through images of scenarios offered by real landscapes and architecture as well as by nature, without any artifice other than the choice of what to include in the photo and the time of day in which it is taken". (Oscar Pantalone)

The recently refurbished and expanded exhibit site was inaugurated five years ago and has hosted initiatives aimed at a combination of *art and culture** in the airport.

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This young, well established photographer from Ischia was born in Como in 1976 and lives on the island where he is a professional photographer producing quality images for high end publications in the tourism sector. A gifted portrait artist, in 2004 he published "Il volto di Ischia" (The face of Ischia) for Officina Ischiatana Delle Arti Grafiche publishers, a collection of black and white photos of the people of his land. His work has been shown in five personal exhibits on the island: "Gli altri dell'isola" – The others of the island - held at Villa Arbusto, Antiche Terme Belliazi, the Geophysical Observatory in 2003 which focused on immigration in Ischia; "Calace" which documented the production of plectrum instruments in the workshops of celebrated lute makers held at the Antoniana Library in 2004; "8 Bar solo", a collection of black and white portraits of well-known and not-so-well-known musicians dedicated to the world of jazz at the Antonveneta Bank in 2005; "Paris" a series of images of contemporary Paris at the Spazio Arte La Colombaia in 2006; and, "the Ravino Gardens as viewed by Oscar Pantalone"- an exhibit of naturalistic, macro images held at the Ravino Gardens in 2007. His works have also been shown in various collective exhibits.

Naples Airport 2008 Spring-summer Network

The network of direct flights to and from Naples International Airport for this spring and summer: **32 international scheduled routes, 15 domestic destinations and over 50 charter routes. During the summer season, 27 airlines will be operating out of Naples Airport.**

- **International Destinations:** Hamburg, Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Basel, Berlin, Brussels, Bucharest, Cologne, Copenhagen, Dublin, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Friedrichshafen, Geneva, Hanover, Kiev, London, Madrid, Malta, Manchester, Memmingen, Munich, Moscow, New York, Oslo, Paris, Prague, Stuttgart, Stockholm, Vienna e Zurich;

- **Domestic Destinations:** Alghero, Bologna, Bergamo, Brescia, Cagliari, Catania, Genoa, Milan, Olbia, Palermo, Rome, Turin, Trieste, Venice, Verona;

*information regarding all the events held at Naples airport since 2003 is available at www.aeroportoedinapoli.it;

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