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Under the auspices of the Consulate General of Italy in Los Angeles

The Downtown Art Center Gallery (DAC)

in collaboration with:

Italian Cultural Institute of Los Angeles (IIC LA)

National Italian American Foundation (NIAF)

and COM.IT.ES Los Angeles

presents New Works by

Mario Canali

Opening Night at DAC Gallery on Saturday, June 15th with reception from 6-9:00pm.

Artist in attendance

(Exhibition runs from June 15 - July 11, 2013)



"Après le déluge"



"Figura"



"Queen Girl"

The Downtown Art Center Gallery (DAC)

828 S. Main Street Los Angeles, CA 90014

EVENT PARKING: There are several pay parking lots in the immediate area as well as free street parking after 6pm.

Please note that DAC Gallery does not validate parking.

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(Los Angeles – May 2, 2013) In collaboration with the *Italian Cultural Institute of Los Angeles*, the *National Italian American Foundation*, and *Comites*, and under the auspices of *The Consulate General of Italy in Los Angeles*, the **Downtown Art Center (DAC) Gallery** is pleased to announce the opening of **Mario Canali: New Works**, on Saturday June 15th, 2013.

In his third solo exhibition at DAC Gallery in Los Angeles, artist Mario Canali presents an evolution of his work in larger-scale paintings on canvas developed in his Laurel Canyon Studio.

Mario Canali is a visionary. His representations deepen explorations into the complexity, beauty and discrepancy of the contemporary human being. His goal in painting is to incorporate an emotional dimension to the spatial dimensions; it is emotion that shapes his human hybrids, their uncommon behaviors, and the evocative landscapes in which they exist.

There are no random elements in Canali's work; the spatial dimension seems to drive his paintings to an extreme precision, immediacy and strength.

Mario Canali has a passion for life. His representations are drawn not only from life experiences, personal encounters, situations and events, but also from the study of human beings. It is these very explorations that led him to create interactive installations capable of sensing psychophysical parameters, which have been experienced by thousands of people from all walks of life around the world.

For Mario Canali, painting after the digital experience can be seen as *media* (software + hardware) to efficiently represent realistic simulations of imaginary worlds. Los Angeles' unique history and landscape became the ideal setting for Canali's new vision.

The exhibition will feature oil paintings on canvas and panel, as well as drawings on panel.

Born in Monza, Milan, Italy, Mario Canali began his artistic career in 1975, devoting the first ten years to painting.

Shortly thereafter, he turned his attention to electronic and digital art and is considered a pioneer in the field. Second to John Lasseter at Ars Electronica in Linz for two consecutive years, and winner of numerous awards at the national level (Nastro d'Argento, Rome) as well as internationally (Imagina, Monte Carlo) in the field of computer graphics and 3D animation, Mario Canali pioneered immersive virtual reality (Satori, 1992) and interactive installations, using body parameters to probe people's emotional states.

In October 2012, he developed and published the iPad application "Hungry&FoolishScribbleTest", a personality test capable of gauging how Hungry and Foolish you are.

Canali's studies and research in the fields of digital media, new paradigms of science, psychology and neurology earned him teaching credentials at Accademia di Brera in Milan for "Virtual Reality and Paradigms of Complexity", and at NABA Academy of Arts and Design in Milan for "Emotional Scenes and Cognitive Environments".

For more information about Mario Canali www.mariocanali.com www.studiocanali.com

To follow Mario Canali on Facebook www.facebook.com/mariocanali.paint

For more information about the iPad application *Hungry&FoolishScribbleTest* www.scribbletest.com

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Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 3:30 pm, or by appt.