



# Afro at Galerie Tornabuoni Art, Paris

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Afro's "Racconti di Guascogna," 1951, mixed media on canvas, 90x60 cm.

(Courtesy Tornabuoni Art)

Galerie Tornabuoni Art in Paris will host an exhibition of the artist known as “Afro.”

The exhibition will be dedicated to [Afro](/artists/-afro-3322) (/artists/-afro-3322) Libio Basaldella (1912-1976), better known as “Afro.” The exhibition is organized in collaboration with the Fondazione Archivio Afro and will present artworks from the 1930s to the 1970s and the last room will be dedicated to preparatory drawings of the monumental mural fresco “Il Giardino della Speranza,” created in 1958 at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris. Afro’s work will be documented with a catalogue edited by Philip Rylands, ex-

director of the Venice Peggy Guggenheim Collection. On this occasion, a study of the UNESCO's fresco by Anne Monfort, curator at the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, will also be published. For the second part of the show, around 20 of Afro's masterpieces will be exhibited in October 2018 at Tornabuoni Art London, with the aim of creating awareness and teaching the Anglo-Saxon public about one of the most important artists of Italian Abstract art.

Born in Udine, Italy, from a family of painters and decorators, Afro quickly emerged — in the 1930s — as the most significant member of the School of Rome. From the 1950s, he travels to the United States and develops an abstract art from American influences and the great tradition of Venetian color. Close to Alberto Burri and Lucio Fontana, Afro is today considered one of the most important exponents of Italian Abstraction.

*The exhibition will be on view from April 18 through June 16, 2018, at Galerie Tornabuoni Art, Passage de Retz 9 rue Charlot 75003 Paris.*

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