



# Artist Statement GONG ZENS

## VIVA ARTE VIVA! 1 MAY - 9 JULY 2017

Biennale Venezia 2017 Collateral Event Scuola Grande di Santa Maria della Misericordia Sestiere Cannaregio, Venice Italy Celebrate Life!

"My soul is a sphere that resonates with its surroundings"

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My Gong Zens and with them ring in an era of silent visual sound.

Following exhibitions and Biennales among other places in Shanghai, Tokyo, Miami, Amsterdam, Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Palermo and Venice, Antonia Pia Gordon, an international artist originating from Germany is exhibiting this year at Its LIQUID International Art Festival: ELEMENTS FROM SHAPE TO SPACE, at Misericordia Chapel and Archives, Venice, showing exceptional pieces of two of her multi-media art series: her newest GONG ZENS and SPHERES & VORTICES. They are a stunningly abstract quest for wholeness intertwined with Anima Mundi executed in her signature bold color interactions and theme catapulting classic tradition into the modern. Antonia Pia Gordon was born in Hamburg, Germany and lives and works in the United Arab Emirates. She was educated in Hamburg, Zurich and Paris. She studied French, Art, Design, and Business Administration.

## **CELEBRATE LIFE**

"My soul is a sphere that resonates with its surroundings"

No matter where they are situated, circles and spheres are perfect and infinite entities that in their wholeness and balance find no match. For me, they symbolize the energetic life force and the weightlessness of inner harmony. They are simply visual Qigong. Quietly watching the sun rising or setting in the sky or the shining moon in changing light at many different locations all over the world, I have always been energized by the meditative Zen-like auras they both send forth. The transition of light merely transforms the tone of this silently strengthening reflection.

I have encountered gongs in different settings all over the world. Resonating gongs fascinatingly create sound in energizing waves. The seemingly suspended flowing sound waves remind me of waves of light that also carry with them sensory regenerative and soothing strength. Would it be possible to create visual art that could bring light and with it effect implicit resonation from within that could have the same effect?

Bathing in my mind's eye, I called up images of all of the places I have left feeling revitalized. I envisaged the interaction of colours and patterns, sparkles, gold, silver, form and space that I have experienced in places all over the world that are particularly special to me - all of which I have departed from filled with joyful peace.

The circle or sphere is a universal symbol of the soul in psychology and religion. The square or rectangle with its four sides is a symbol of the four seasons, the four directions of North, South, East and West and of stability. The combination of circles and squares or rectangles is a symbol of heaven and earth.

I was inspired to create Zen-like peaceful and energizing visual reverberation art, my Gong Zens and with them ring in an era of silent visual sound. As said by Wassily Kandinsky, "color is the keyboard, the eyes are the harmonies, the soul is the piano with many strings. The artist is the hand that plays, touching one key or another, to cause vibrations in the soul."

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## Born in Hamburg, Germany Lives and works in Dubai, UAE

#### 2022 WE ARE DIGITAL

2020 -???? STATEMENT ON THE CORONAVIRUS COVID

All events and exhibitions are postponed until further notice

2021 Execution of digital transformation & new business model

2020 Lockdown & Financial Deadlock - Idea for digital transformation & new business model

2019 ANTONIA is currently on a research trip through Asia developing new artworks

#### **SELECTED BIENNALES**

2017 Florence Biennale, Florence, Italy

2017 Biennale Venezia Colateral, Venice, Italy

2017 MEAM (Museu Europeu D'Art Modern) Barcelona, Spain

2017 Biennale of Peschiera Del Garda, Mont Pellegrino, Italy

2017 Biennale MEART(La Biennale Internazionale d'arte del Mediterraneo), Palermo, Italy

2016 Biennale Riviera Del Brenta, Mira, Italy

#### **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2011 Hotel De Paris, Monte Carlo, Monaco

2011 Hotel Majestic, Cannes, France

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS & FAIRS

2018 Gallery THE ROOM, Venice Contemporary, Venice, Italy

2018 Rhys Art Fair & Salon, Basel, Switzerland

2017 Palazzo Ca' Zanardi, Venice, Italy

2017 Palazzo Flangini, Venice, Italy

2017 Gallery THE ROOM, Venice Contemporary, Venice, Italy

2017 Società delle Belle Arti-Circolo degli Artisti, Casa di Dante, Florence, Italy

2017 Clio Art Fair, New York, USA

2017 Misericordia Chapel, Venice, Italy

2016 Palazzo Flangini, Venice, Italy

2016 Palazzo Ca' Zanardi, Venice, Italy

2016 Galleria degli Uffizi, Florence, Italy

2016 BAU International Academy of Rome, Rome, Italy

2016 The Hotel Show, Dubai, UAE

2016 Gallery Laura Haber, Buenos Aires, Argentina

2016 Hilton Molino Stucki, Venice, Italy

2016 Clerici Palace, Milan, Italy

2016 Kent University, Kent, UK

2016 World Art Dubai, Dubai, UAE

2016 Basilica of Saint Paul, Rome, Italy

2016 Index International Design, Dubai, UAE

2016 Alliance Française, Dubai, UAE

2016 Palazzo Fantuzzi, Bologna, Italy

2016 Palazzo Borghese, Florence, Italy

2015 Gallery BAC – Bogotà Arte Contemporàneo, Bogotà, Colombia

2015 LACDA Los Angeles Center for Digital Art, Los Angeles, USA

2015 Politeama Theatre Palermo, Palermo, Italy

2015 Art Elysees – Art & Design, Paris, France

2015 Villa Castelnuovo, Palermo, Italy

2015 Tarrant County College, Fort Worth, USA

2015 Palazzo Duchi di Santo Stefano, Taormina, Italy

2015 Tokio International Art Fair, Tokio, Japan

2015 Nina Torres Fine Art, Miami, USA

2015 Palazzo Ca' Zanardi, Venice, Italy

2012 Gallery Art Rays, Shanghai, China

2012 Top Marques, Shanghai, China

2012 Arternativelight, Monte Carlo, Monaco



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