

GALLERIA ALESSANDRA BONOMO

JOAN JONAS

MINDS OF THEIR OWN

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Alessandra Bonomo Gallery is pleased to present Joan Jonas's third site specific exhibition.

Joan Jonas is an emblematic figure of American post-war contemporary art. In the '70s when New York was a vibrant site of multidisciplinary exchange for the most innovative artists, Joan Jonas distinguished herself as an outsider and early pioneer of performance art.

Starting with dance and black and white videos, in which she used her own body and movements as sole instruments of expression, the artist has constantly expanded her language, developing her research through new expressive codes, largely influenced by her travels, such as those in Iceland and Japan.

Her videos drawn from her performances interact in her work with old and new elements, including found objects, drawings, her voice and music (Jason Moran) creating a cohesive narrative thread.

Inspired by her performance at the Venice Biennale in 2015, the artist's latest work focuses on the fragility of nature and its bond with the human condition.

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The installation comprises a wide projection, multiple mirrors reflecting the video projection, found objects and objects made especially for the performance, as well as videos and prints that carry space and time as scenographic materials within the installation.

The exhibition will last until the end of February.

Joan Jonas lives and works in New York. She is currently Professor Emerita at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) where she has taught since 1998.

Her work and performances have been exhibited internationally. In Italy HangarBicocca dedicated a major retrospective of her work in 2014 called "Light Time Tales," and in 2015 she was the United States' representative at the 56th edition of the Venice Biennale, where her work at the American pavilion received special mention. Major retrospectives include the Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam; Konsthall Malmö, Sweden; and the Queens Museum of Art, New York. Amongst other collections her work is included in The Museum of Modern Art, New York; The San Francisco Museum of Art; Tate Modern, London; Castello di Rivoli, Turin and The Museum of Contemporary Art of Torino.

