

## Art and Wine: Gioielli in Fermento at SOFA Chicago

from November 4<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Opening night, November 3<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm.



"Emilia" Necklace, Liana Pattihis  
Gioielli in Fermento 2016 Awarded Artist

Glad to announce these important step for our project: *Gioielli in Fermento* will be host as special exhibit at SOFA Chicago, next November 4 to 6.

The Sculpture Objects Functional Art and Design (SOFA) Fair in Chicago is the premier gallery-presented art fair dedicated to three-dimensional art and design. On par with Art Basel and TEFAF Maastricht, SOFA is produced by Urban Expositions, a Clarion Events company.

Critically acclaimed and continuously running since 1994, what distinguishes SOFA from other top art events is its focus on three-dimensional artworks that cross the boundaries of fine art, decorative art and design. SOFA is noted for its exceptional presentation, with an elite selection of international dealers presenting for sale one-of-a-kind masterworks in handsome, custom-designed gallery exhibits.

SOFA is held annually in the fall at Chicago's major destination, Navy Pier, with an average of 80 dealers and 35,000 people attending.

[Gioielli in Fermento](#) is an international exhibition project and award for contemporary studio jewelry. Starting from the landscapes of Italy in the winemaking region of Emilia hills, it opens its borders, inviting established and emerging artists from every country to express their relation with the wine world.

Inspiration, dedication, experience, research, innovation, observation, choice, challenge: these are all elements of the creative approach that we can use to focus both on the activities of a jewellery artist or those of a winemaker. Both a piece of jewellery or a sip of wine are evocative of the individual interpretation of the raw material chosen by their maker. In both cases, the aim is turning the natural into something precious and unique.

November 4–6  
Opening Night, November 3  
Navy Pier

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Since 2011, six editions including near 400 artists and their works have been presented under the selection of an international board of advisors in the field, with the kind collaboration of AGC Italian Contemporary Jewelry Association, Charon Kransen Arts, Klimt02 network, Joya Barcelona and Torre Fornello Winery. The Gioielli in Fermento 2016 Torre Fornello Award went to London based artist Liana Pattihis and Korean emerging artist Sunyong Kim.

A collection of work from the 2016 edition with a selected number of iconic pieces from previous editions will be presented in this Special Exhibit at SOFA Chicago, arranged in close cooperation with Charon Kransen Arts. The gallery has been active in the competition for a while, also involving a number of guest artists and offering professional training opportunities.

*Exhibiting Artists:*

Susanna Baldacci, Maura Biamonti, Alina Carp, Sébastien Carré, Corrado De Meo, Clara Del Papa, Maria Rosa Franzin, Nicoletta Frigerio, Lucilla Giovanninetti, Akis Goumas, Nicola Heidemann, Mara Irsara, Marilena Karagkiozi, Sunyoung Kim, Saerom Kong, Mirna Korolkovas, Heng Lee, Ria Lins, Chiara Lucato, Gigi Mariani, Mineru Matsuura, Viktoria Münzker, Daria Olejniczak, Esther Ortiz, Liana Pattihis, Mabel Pena, Paola Perez, Poppy Porter, Stefano Rossi, Stenia Scarselli, Sergio e Stefano Spivach, Claudia Steiner, Eva Tesarik, Andrea Vaggione, Barbara Uderzo.

Online essay - [www.sofaexpo.com/essays](http://www.sofaexpo.com/essays)

2016 Essay | Art and Wine: The Analogy of Gioielli in Fermento

*Lecture (Saturday November 5th - Access to the SOFA CHICAGO Lecture Series is included with fair admission)*

GIOIELLI IN FERMENTO: Considerations on a Themed Award Competition

2:30 – 3:30 pm Room A

In the past six years, *Gioielli in Fermento* has become one of the most followed international jewelry competitions with an annual award supported by Torre Fornello, an Italian wine maker advocating art and cultural values related to Mediterranean territories.

Each annual exhibition offers a glimpse into the creative process and the evolution of the participating artists' work. Eliana Negroni, Gioielli in Fermento project curator, will discuss the themes which change every year, though remaining related to the world of wine. Negroni will also present an overview of the pieces submitted and share the artists perspective ranging from reaction to the limitations to the sparks of creativity and degrees of freedom in working with the theme.

Presented by the *Gioielli in Fermento* in conjunction with the SOFA CHICAGO Special Exhibit Art and Wine: Gioielli in Fermento

*Catalog:*

Catalog of current and previous editions is distributed by Charon Kransen Arts.

*Information:*

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