

Silent thoughts in a dungeon of beauty

Back in Milan, back with elements to confuse and conquer. This year Nika Zupanc returns to the design capital focused on distractions of all sorts, presenting an installation that elevates her insightful citations of everyday objects to a painfully new level.

The installation is titled *Selfdiscipline* and is being launched at Spazio Rossana Orlandi, Via Matteo Bandello 14/16, on April 12th .

Nika Zupanc traditionally makes careful selections of her themes and forms. With them she offers an unwelcome look at the predominately male furniture-design market, where all the aspiration is poured into the technical, rational, sober, and utilitarian, as opposed to the intuitive, eclectic, vain, and hysterical. To accomplish this Nika Zupanc uses her poetic judgment, inner battles with stereotypes, and long-lasting affairs with technologies. She mindfully explores the limits of the industry when it comes to emotional effect and the juxtaposition of materials.

With her newest installation, the visitor gains insight into a kind of modern paradisus claustralis. If Sylvia Plath once found the worst enemy to creativity in self-doubt, Nika Zupanc is here to question selfdiscipline or the lack of it. Flirting with monastic asceticism, the installation of a chandelier, desk, and chair provokes the thoughts on today's key values, needs, habits, and the minimalism of life choices we are able to choose from. All of the items are therefore designed with an afterthought, made from durable materials, bearing in themselves the possibility that an object could survive us all.



Following the tradition of previous visits, this year Milan will also have multiple dates with Nika Zupanc.

Two silk carpets especially designed for the Italian master of rugs NODUS will be ready-to-touch at Il Piccolo, Via Delio Tessa 1. For a more direct experience, devotees of her work can also visit the new Nika Zupanc showroom in Milan at the Spazio Pontaccio design boutique on Via Pontaccio 18.

As a special treat there will be an installation of Black Cherry chandeliers, launched last year at Superstudio Piu, now available as a product on display at Via Tortona 37.

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