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Inauguration Saturday, July 13 for the exhibition "Silence" by American artist Rachel Lee Hovnanian at the Poggiali Gallery in Pietrasanta

They are very white marble tondos, which recall the fifteenth-century tradition, so closely tied to Tuscany, the works selected for the exhibition *Silenzio*, a solo show by the New York artist **Rachel Lee Hovnanian**, which opens **Saturday, July 13** at the headquarters of **the Poggiali Gallery** (via Garibaldi 8).

Always linked to Versilia for marble processing, Hovnanian is back from a solo show at Leila Heller Gallery in New York.

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The exhibition opens in conjunction with the *Open Secrets* project which will be presented from next July 20th in the halls of the Palazzo Mediceo in **Seravezza**, curated by Annalisa Bugliani and organized by the Pechersky Family Foundation, in collaboration with the Poggiali Gallery and the Terre Medicee Foundation.

The exhibition

All the works on display allude semiotically to the theme of whiteness and naturalness and represent a delicate accumulation of friezes and foliage, forged by the artist with chalk, oil painting, cotton and paper, and are completed by frames created by the artist without solution of continuity with the rest of the work.

These are rounds of about 50 centimeters in diameter which, in the Via Garibaldi project room, will dialogue with a marble sculpture that represents a child whose mouth is reduced to silence by the presence of two plasters.

In the spaces of the Galleria Poggiali in the former Fonderia d'Arte Luigi Tommasi there will be other rounds of the same series - Natural Fractile Series - of different sizes.

Rachel Lee Hovnanian

Born in West Virginia and raised in Houston, Texas, Rachel Lee Hovnanian is a New York artist whose multidisciplinary practice explores the complexities of modern feminism, the ideals of perfection and the effects of media on the collective consciousness. Hovnanian earned his Bachelor of Fine Art from the University of Texas at Austin. Since then he has exhibited in solo and group exhibitions in the United States, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. His work is in private collections, companies and museums.

Info

What: *Silence*, personal by Rachel Lee Hovnanian

Where: **Galleria Poggiali**, via Garibaldi 8, **Pietrasanta**

When: **from 13 to 26 July 2019**. Open from 6pm to midnight (Saturday and Sunday also 10.30am-12.30pm)

Opening Saturday, July 13th, 6.30pm

Free entry

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