

**November 2014 "Colore, la benzina della vita", solo exhibition, Briz-Waagen factory, Stuttgart**

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Why is this exhibition called COLOUR, THE PETROL OF LIFE (benzina della vita). Colour, is the medium that drives me. The effect of the colours on me drives me like gasoline drives the engine.

I talk to the colours and they talk to me. Sometimes I can't see the difference between thoughts and visions at all when I am deep inside a painting.

It is a spell of power and freedom between the painting and me. I give the picture the power over me and the freedom to be what it is and in the same second I get everything back selflessly.

My electrician said to me on Monday: Life is only a second. So is death.

Light and shadow are as close together as water and air, warm and cold.

We have all surely experienced moments in our lives that have brought us down to earth and made us question everything or many things.

A few days ago I lost a friend who wanted it that way. Many questions cross your mind.

After these questions I always come back to the same answer. This answer is YES!

Yes to life, yes to the beautiful sides of life, yes to nature and colour. I want to look at the beautiful things, because there are many. I look very deeply into them and focus on every detail.

Then comes the abstraction.

These pictures are my inner being, my thoughts, my feelings. They are speechless and yet they have so much to say.

Take them as they are here and let them work on you. Give YOU the FREEDOM to think and see what YOU want or what the pictures want to tell you. They are hereby YOUR pictures!