**CITY GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY ART, TRENTO**

Press Release

**PHILIP TAAFFE**

**curated by Vittoria Coen**

**10 June – 30 September 2001**

**City Gallery of Contemporary Art of Trento**

**Grand opening: Saturday, 9 June – at 6pm**

The solo exhibition of **Philip Taaffe** is presented for the first time in Italy at a public venue, in the new location of the **City Gallery of Contemporary Art** of Trento, from 10 June to 30 September.

The exhibition curated by Vittoria Coen consists of a selection of about thirty works made between the 1980s and a more recent period, among which there is a substantial group made especially for the occasion. In regard to these last pieces Taaffe took inspiration from the known physician Pier Andrea Mattioli, who lived in Trento during the second half of the 16th century and whose commemorative tombstone has been placed at the entrance of the City Gallery. It is, thus, in a certain way, a special homage that the American artist wants to pay to the city of Trento.

The artistic view of Philip Taaffe focuses on the numerous fascinations linked to the biomorphism of forms and signs which permeate his canvas in chromatic, elegant and charming explosions. Strict geometries next to representations of vegetation and animal shapes take their turns in the painting construction, alternating to collage and giving us multiple sensations. Sign, as the subject, variably reproduces itself according to sensitivity; the general effect is of great impact through the transparencies and superimpositions. Philip Taaffe matches his own culture with experience and knowledge.

The exhibition is accompanied by a catalogue published by Mazzotta with texts in Italian and English.

**Name Philip Taaffe**

**Venue City Gallery of Contemporary Art of Trento – via Belenzani 46** – Trento

Duration 10 June – 30 September 2001

Catalogue Mazzotta, made thanks to the cooperation with the company DTECH, Lit. 60.000

Opening hours 10am – 6pm, closed Monday

Entrance fee full price Lit. 5.000, reduced Lit. 3.000

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