



MUCCIACCIA GALLERY

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## *Urban Rhythms | Angel "LA II" Ortiz*

exhibition curated by Daria Borisova

Opening: Wednesday November 29, 2023, 6 p.m.

Open to the public: November 30, 2023 – January 14, 2024

### Mucciaccia Gallery Project

Rome, via Laurina 31

#### PRESS RELEASE

Mucciaccia Gallery presents in its location in Rome **Mucciaccia Gallery Project**, in via Laurina 31, ***Urban Rhythms***, a solo exhibition dedicated to the New York graffiti and visual artist, **Angel Ortiz (known as LA II)**, curated by **Daria Borisova, from November 30, 2023 to January 14, 2024.**

**On display are 19 new works** by the New York street artist, who developed a distinct style: a mesmerizing fusion of different influences which range from Egyptian writing to ancient cave paintings, a combination of vintage colors to evoke a sense of nostalgia. Each artwork captures the essence of urban life, pulsating, with vibrant rhythms and dynamic movement, inviting the visitors to immerse themselves in the captivating symphony of the artist's vision.

Born in 1967 to a Puerto Rican family living in the Baruch Housing Projects of New York's Lower East Side, Ortiz discovered his passion for artistic expression at an early age. When he was only 10 years old, he started leaving his colorful imprints on the neighborhood's walls, marking the beginning of an extraordinary artistic journey, adopting the moniker **LA II**, which symbolizes "**Little Angel**". In 1980, at the age of 13, the path of Ortiz and Keith Haring intertwined, being both captivated by the allure of graffiti and the raw energy of it. Their shared love for art forged a deep friendship and a unique creative collaboration that would change their lives forever.

**In Rome, Ortiz is exhibiting a unique body of work inspired by the frenetic and exhilarating energy of Rome and the emblematic Mille Miglia, a car race deeply rooted in the city's history,** and these pieces are described by Daria Borisova as follows: "these works are a powerful reflection of his artistic path and unwavering spirit, and embody his passions and his being always connected to the language of street art and pop art".

Rome, November 2023



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**Opening hours:** Monday - Friday, 10.30 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Sunday closed

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