

“Milan through the eyes of Leonardo”: a contemporary journey into the Renaissance



The photographic exhibition “Milan through the eyes of Leonardo” celebrates the bond between Milan and Leonardo da Vinci, who arrived in the Lombard capital in 1483 from the Medici court in Florence.

That fateful journey would change the course of his career and the history of the city. The exhibition consists of a visual journey through Milan featuring several important historical buildings that were part of the world seen by Leonardo da Vinci when he arrived there in those fertile years of Italian history, and are here immortalized by the shots of a new generation of photographers.

Curated by the Bracco Foundation and Accademia Teatro alla Scala, the exhibition, originally developed for the 500th anniversary of Leonardo’s death in 2019, tells the story of fifteenth-century Milan. The images, captured by five young photographer graduates of Accademia Teatro alla Scala, feature symbolic places such as the Basilica of Santa Maria delle Grazie, Palazzo Borromeo and Ca’ Granda.

Each shot invites us to reflect on how our cities evolve over time, on how public spaces are also memory sites, and on how we bear collective responsibility to pass them on intact to new generations.

This year, the exhibition, which provides visitors with a completely fresh perspective of the Milan of Leonardo da Vinci’s time, will be featured in “Fuori Expo” as well as in

Japan thanks to an international partnership.

Exhibition calendar and locations

- CDI - Centro Diagnostico Italiano, Milan: from 9 July to 31 December 2019
- Tokyo, Japan: End-July to 15 September 2025

The exhibition is part of the multi-year progetto *Diventerò*, which since 2011 has been helping young people achieve their dreams and promoting the life-enhancing qualities of art. This is the project behind the choice to give five young photographers an opportunity to display their talent and raise their profile. All are graduates of Accademia Teatro alla Scala, of which the Bracco Foundation is a main partner and founding member.