Giuseppe Penone: Idee di Pietra – Olmo (Ideas of Stone- Elm)

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Gaggiandre, Arsenale, Castello, 30122, Venice, Italy

A new installation by Giuseppe Penone – The Listener - in close collaboration with Chus Martinez. This planting of the tree in the waters of Venice represents the coming into life of this new philanthropic organization. The work, named “Idee di Pietra – Olmo (Ideas of Stone- Elm)”, is an elm tree installed at the Gaggiandre in the Arsenale.

In relation to the theme of the La Biennale Architettura 2021, How will we live together?, the project opens a global conversation about how we can create spaces for listening in 21st century society. The trees as the sign of regeneration and the embodiment of generous listening. Listening is creating a new epistemic culture, that is, allowing us to know the world around us under completely new premises. Listening stands for the active sensing of the world. Receiving is another key notion that is revived through the presence of the tree and the space for generous listening in the 17th International Architecture Exhibition.