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Experimenting with the gallery's single-work curatorial format, this exhibition is a 21-day sequence of artworks, presented as a new pairing each day. Like the chinks in a daisy chain, 21 artworks by 21 artists will bloom on the walls and within the gallery space one after the other, all connected by the same theme – the representation of nature, and more specifically flowers and skies.

Begun as an investigation into the representation of flowers in the baroque era and its current relevance, the breadth and wealth of representations of floral arrangements by artists of all generations and across mediums prompted us to expand the exhibition's scope.

In Bloom is a fast paced, compelling and thorough experimentation on modes of display within the gallery's Pièce Unique curatorial framework. Opening with the minutia of 17th Century Mario Nuzzi's quasi scientific representation of flowers in dialogue with an almost naïve ink on rice paperwork by late Matthew Wong, the exhibition explores the unsuspected connections that arise from the artists' shared fascination with the simplicity of nature.

From Yoko Ono's quasi performative live video stream of the sky to Jean-Marie Appriou's bronze sculptural compositions, or American painter Parker Ito's hyper-realistic printed oil paintings to Italian photographer Luigi Ghirri... *In Bloom* is the third chapter in the gallery's investigative exhibitions, which began in 2021 with Omaggio a Lucio Amelio, followed by Portraiture One Century Apart, presented simultaneously in London, Milan and Paris.

From April 7th – 10th, the exhibition will expand beyond the gallery walls to ArtParis, where MASSIMODECARLO will present a collective show drawing on the same principles and inspirations as *In Bloom*.

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Artists

Mario Nuzzi (1603-1673) Antonio Donghi (1897-1963) Etel Adnan (1925 - 2021) Yoko Ono (b. 1933) Alighiero Boetti (1940 - 1994) Judith Linhares (b.1940) Luigi Ghirri (1943 – 1992) Luigi Ontani (b.1943) Dennis Kardon (b.1950) Felix Gonzalez-Torres (1957 - 1996) Jim Hodges (b.1957) Yan Pei- Ming (b.1960) Gelitin (1966, 1967, 1970, 1971) John McAllister (b. 1973) Nate Lowman (b.1979) Skyler Chen (b.1982) Matthew Wong (1984 - 2019) Jean-Marie Appriou (b.1986) Parker Ito (b.1986) Dominique Fung (b.1987) Lenz Geerk (b.1988)