



BALLEN BY BALLEN

Roger Ballen

May 25, 2024 - September 2, 2024

Opening: Saturday May 25, from 11 am to 7 pm

GALLERIA GIAMPAOLO ABBONDIO

Piazza Giuseppe Garibaldi 7 - Todi (PG)

Galleria Giampaolo Abbondio invites you to “**Ballen by Ballen**”, a photographic exhibition by the artist Roger Ballen which opens on Saturday May 25th in Piazza Garibaldi 7, Todi.

Roger Ballen was born in New York in 1950 and has lived and worked in South Africa since 1982. His oeuvre, which spans five decades, began with the documentary photography field but evolved into the creation of distinctive fictionalized realms that also integrate the mediums of film, installation, theatre, sculpture, painting and drawing. Ballen describes his works as “existential psychodramas” that touch the subconscious mind and evoke the underbelly of the human condition. They aim to break through the repressed thoughts and feelings by engaging him in themes of chaos and order, madness or unruly states of being, the human relationship to the animal world, life and death, universal archetypes of the psyche and experiences of otherness. Through his unique, complex visual language, and universal and profound themes, the artist has made a lasting contribution to the field of art.

Roger Ballen is one of the most important photographers of his generation. He has published over 25 books and recently Thames and Hudson published his book *Ballenesque, Roger Ballen – A Retrospective*, a major book of his collected works. In the last few years he has held over fifty exhibitions around the world. His work is on display in numerous museums and in public and private collections.

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