



Pistoletto's Sphere Rolling down the Streets of Cold Spring, New York

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Italian artist Michelangelo Pistoletto is coming to Magazzino Italian Art on November 4, 2017 to recreate his seminal 1966 performance 'Walking Sculpture.'

On Saturday November 4, 2017, [Magazzino Italian Art](#) [1], the new warehouse art space in the Hudson Valley devoted to Post-war and Contemporary Italian art, is hosting the Italian artist and leading member of the Arte Povera movement, [Michelangelo Pistoletto](#) [2] for a re-enactment of his 1967 performance "Scultura da Passeggio" (Walking Sculpture).

Michelangelo Pistoletto's 1967 performance "Walking Sculpture" was a citywide performance in which the artist rolled a newspaper sphere through city streets in Turin, Italy, captivating all who came into contact with it. Pistoletto's walking performance was an act in opposition of both traditional methods of art-making and behavioral norms. In fact, his works meant to actively include his audience, encouraging viewer's participation not only with art but with one another. "Art can also be democratic, it can be very much involved in society," the artist said during another performance in London in 2009.

In the last 50 years, the performance was re-created at the [Tate Modern in London](#) [3] (2009), the [Philadelphia Museum of Art](#) [4] (2010), and the [Louvre Museum in Paris](#) [5] (2013), among others. This weekend a new version of the 'Sfera di Giornali' (Newspaper Sphere), made of pages of the three American newspapers which announced the birth of Magazzino for the first time in the fall of 2016, will be the protagonist of the upcoming rendition at Magazzino Italian Art. The artist himself will roll the sphere down the streets of [Cold Spring](#) [6], New York, inviting the public to join him and interact with the work, celebrating not only the existence of Magazzino, but also the local community's warm welcome of the art space as part of its cultural landscape.

The performance will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Village Gazebo, located at the bottom of Main Street along the Hudson River waterfront, then circle back to the bandstand where Pistoletto, along with Magazzino founders [Nancy Olnick and Giorgio Spanu](#) [7], will share remarks.

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