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### EN ROUTE TO SOLIDARITY

#### **A society without humanity has no future**

- **ANPI Sette Martiri Venezia–Mare Jonio of Mediterranea Project Fundraiser aims at raising the precious and necessary funds to restart the humanitarian work and a new, fully equipped and modernised vessel #ANPIsaleaBordo**

In Venice, a civilization hub par excellence and melting pot before its time, a city which seems to have been stripped of this vocation by the choices of the local Municipal Authority and appears robbed of its solidarity spirit, a new project is taking shape, a real call for hope to the whole World.

- **A society without humanity has no future!** This is one of the main slogans for this project, which opens a dialogue between ANPI Sette Martiri Venice and the Mare Jonio of Mediterranea ship, currently moored at the Certosa island in the Venice lagoon for maintenance work, with the aim of raising the money for a more modernised and better equipped ship to set sail and carry out its humanitarian work.

One of ANPI's main objectives is the call of the solidarity spirit which makes up our Constitution and they feel a strong connection with Mediterranea's humanitarian work. Even more now, at the time when the national presidency is appealing for a great alliance of the forward-thinking, democratic and anti-fascist movements.

- **This action** from Sezione Sette Martiri, which aims at raising awareness of Mediterranea's activities is **calling all local artists, photographers, graphic designers, illustrators, art dealers, artisans, local, national and international creative minds to donate one of their works for a fundraising event** to provide financial support for this "solidarity platform" and for the many associates from the civil and democratic side of society to provide a new sea-worthy vessel.

**They are also calling art institutes students, democratic associations and active citizens and will be an opportunity to promote the local art production and the artists' commitment towards emphasizing human sensitivity towards mankind and its environment.** A thus rich and diverse collaboration, united in solidarity towards all land and sea destitutes, for whom our humane consciousness does not allow for indifference; a sort of rebirth as well as reaffirmation of Venice as a place made of land and water where good-hearted people stand together against the current adversities and unite against social injustice.

**Important participations to this project are already confirmed before the event. To name a few artists,** Vincenzo Eulisse, Antoni Muntadas, Stefano Grespi, Serena Nono, Silvestro Lodi, Alessandro Valeri, Franz Cimitan, Nicola Golea **and the photographers** Paolo Utimpergher e Philippe Apatie, Roberto Bortali, René Seindal, **Art Gallery** Michela Rizzo Gallery and the **local cultural associations** Centro Internazionale della Grafica e la Tipografia Tintoretto amongst others.



- their contributions, together with all donated art works, will bring a virtual exhibition to life which will première in March and will conclude on Saturday April 24th; during this time all visitors will be able to enjoy the exhibited works and will have the chance to make a donation. To mark this event Opening and throughout the exhibition period, writers, actors, musicians and art critics will log into the event to keep the project dedicated web page fresh with new and exciting insights.

**All visitors will have the opportunity to get involved and help raise the money, in exchange for paintings, sculptures, artists' photographs, artisan products donated by the participating artists.** You will be able to find a famous local artist's work as well a precious picture, maybe engage with young local art students' work, or buy a gadget as a memento of your visit.

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