The Fondazione Nicola Trussardi is pleased to present a new installation by Maurizio Cattelan conceived for one of the most significant sites in the city of Milan, and entirely produced by the Foundation, on view from May 5 through June 6, 2004.

With this new project by Maurizio Cattelan, the Fondazione Nicola Trussardi continues its adventure in the public spaces of the city of Milan: in the monumental setting of Piazza XXIV Maggio—at the crossroads of history, referencing Napoleon’s campaigns and World Wars I and II—Maurizio Cattelan stages the epilogue of a macabre fairy tale, an ancient popular ritual and a new urban legend.

Commissioned and produced by Fondazione Nicola Trussardi, Cattelan’s installation in Piazza XXIV Maggio is a popular fable that captures and exorcises the tensions and horrors of our contemporary present. Cattelan’s installation is a view on childhood seen as a territory of freedom and fantasy and as a time of violence and terror. Maurizio Cattelan chooses the oldest tree in town and like a magician he infuses the scenario with a collective hallucination, or maybe just a minuscule lie: as in a Medieval pillory or an twisted dream, three children hang from a tree and looking at the truth with their eyes wide open.

The characters and personas that inhabit Maurizio Cattelan’s world make ghostly appearances in a personal theatre of the absurd: policemen flipped upside down, stuffed animals hung from the ceiling, icons of power dethroned and publicly mocked, buried fakirs, mechanical puppets chasing visitors across museums ... Suspended between reality and fiction, childlike curiosity and Sophomore rebellion, Maurizio Cattelan’s work simulates and subverts the rules of culture and society in a continuous game of detournement, acts of insubordination and symbolical theft.

Constantly exploring different materials, contexts and strategies, Maurizio Cattelan refuses to take any moral or ideological position, concentrating instead on reproducing reality in all its complexities. This systematic practice of ambiguity has placed Maurizio Cattelan among the most interesting artists of today.

Maurizio Cattelan was born in Padua in 1960. He has had solo exhibitions in the most distinguished museums worldwide such as the Museum of Modern Art, New York and the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles. Other recent presentations of his work include exhibitions at the Ludwig Museum in Köln, Germany and at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago. He will present his work at the Musée du Louvre in Paris in October 2004. Cattelan has participated in five editions of the Venice Biennale as well as in many other collective exhibitions such as the Whitney Biennial, Manifesta and “Apocalypse” at the Royal Academy in London.

Maurizio Cattelan’s works are part of some of the most important public and private collections worldwide such as: the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York; The Dakis Ioannou Collection, Athens; Fondation Pinault, Paris; Jumex Collection, Mexico City; Rubell Family Collection, Miami; Elaine Dannheisser Collection, New York; Gilles Fuchs Collection, Paris; Seattle Museum of Contemporary Art, Seattle; Migros Museum, Zurich; F.R.A.C., Languedoc-Roussillon; Fonds National d’Art Contemporain, Puteaux; F.R.A.C., Nord-Pas de Calais; The Israel Museum, Jerusalem; Castello di Rivoli, Turin; and Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin.

Why Attack Art? Its Role Is to Help With Problems, Not Become a Problem

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even without a need, the act of creating art can be a form of self-expression. It allows artists to explore their own emotions and ideas, and to connect with others on a deeper level. Art can be a powerful tool for understanding and expressing the complexity of the human experience.

In the case of art, the work itself is the message. By engaging with the work, viewers are invited to think critically, to question their own beliefs, and to see the world in new ways. Art can challenge us to see beyond the superficial and to consider the deeper meanings that underlie everyday experiences.

Artists are often inspired by the works of other artists, and this exchange of ideas can be a powerful force for creativity. By looking at the work of others, we can gain new perspectives and insights, and we can be inspired to create something new and original.

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Art can be a form of therapy, allowing us to explore and express our own emotions and ideas. It can be a way of cathartic escape, allowing us to let go of our worries and concerns and to focus on the moments of pure enjoyment and delight.

Art can be a means of self-discovery, allowing us to explore our own inner selves and to understand who we are and what we are capable of. It can be a way of finding a sense of purpose and meaning in our lives, in a world that can sometimes seem chaotic and unpredictable.

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6. Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe kalenderbeelden uit *Aztec Calendar, 1900, January to July. Santa Fe Route* (1900) van kunstenaar E.A. Burbank, in de Harry J. Briscoe collectie.

