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**Proposal for VIR – Viafarini–in-residence**

**Via Farini 35**

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I am a painter whose work stretches the traditional definitions of painting by combining conceptual art, sculpture, painting and curating in often large scale installations. Drawing freely from a broad range of sources – such as the work of other artists, popular and vernacular culture, fashion, literature – my work explores these different forms of cultural expressions in an open, fluid approach that embraces both relationships and contradictions. Using role-playing, collaboration, appropriation and the transformation of the commonplace I construct a community of social relations in my artwork.

My proposal for the Viafarini Residency in Milan includes both research and art production. I am interested to find out about commissioned and/or representative work – public, private or commercial - including Fine art, architecture and design. I like to investigate the processes involved such as how it follows the idea, the effect of the relationship to the patron and which forms represent the ideas and images of the commissioning body itself.

The richness of Italian art, especially the long period dominated by the catholic church together with the contemporary scene of architecture and design, makes the eventuality of a stay in Italy very suitable for approaching the subject.

Inspired by this I am planning to develop an installation work combining different things I make, find and bring with me.

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