E IL TOPO

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Based on the involvement and inclusiveness [hence the "E" or "and" as the initial conjunction in the title], as well as on the power of a discontinuity in meaning inherent to the image, in only four years (1992-1996) E IL TOPO prophetically recorded, through the contribution of artists such as Art Club 2000, Massimo Bartolini, Vanessa Beecroft, Maurizio Cattelan, Mark Dion, Dominique Gonzales Foerster, among others, the spirit and attitude of a generation of artists which, at that time, was about to achieve definitive international recognition both critical and popular. E IL TOPO was a synergy catalyst, the feeling of a ferment of a shared practice, anticipating in this sense the experience of relational art; experiences which in recent times we have learned to recognize in very different and complex ways. This magazine was printed in editions of approximately 1000 and was the product of a series of collaborations that brought together diverse artists. These contributors proposed new projects conceived to be brought to life in the pages of the magazine and printed in black and white offset on recycled paper. The projects were mixed, overlapped, sometimes hidden, but always showing a completely innovative practice for the moment in which they were being developed.

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