



## EVENTS

# EXCAVATION: EVICTED ARTISTIC REVENGE PAUL COCKSEGE

Until April 9 is exposed in Milan, at the headquarters of the Foundation Luigi Rovati



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"Revenge is a dish best served cold." Here's what must have thought **Paul Cockledge** when evicted from his studio in London because the area was destined for a real estate speculation, has drilled for three months, the floor of the studio, his creative place since 2004, obtaining hundreds of core samples which then turned into EXCAVATION: evicted. This is the name of the new artistic project of the British designer who, during the Salone del Mobile, will have its world premiere by the New York gallery **Friedman Benda**, with the collaboration of **Beatrice Trussardi**, at the headquarters of Luigi Rovati Foundation. The seventeenth-century palace is open to visitors for the first time in these exceptional circumstances thanks to the work of Cockledge and immediately after the **Salone del Mobile**, will be closed for renovation and refurbishment work for the opening of the *first private museum of Etruscan city*, scheduled for the end of 2018.

**EXCAVATION: Evicted** is the physical and visual artist's reaction forced expulsion from his studio that was used as a direct source of a new body of work in order to "emphasize the power and creative energy that has shaped space". Unbeknownst to the property owner, Cockledge has dug and extracted samples of different formats of London's subsurface which then, by applying the transparent plates, used to create tables, bookcases, furniture. Each of these works documents, commemorates and preserves not only its residence time in the study, but also the history of the building and development of the British capital. EXCAVATION: Evicted stages the increasingly precarious nature of urban spaces, upset by the new real estate transactions brought by globalization or, as in the case of London, from Brexit.

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