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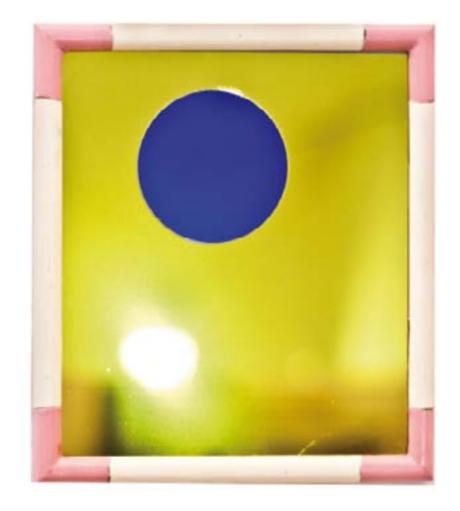
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Ever since I became Ambassador of Italy to the United States, Micaela and I have been dedicated to promoting contemporary Italian artists in Washington D.C.'s art scene and throughout the United States. We are pleased to have had the opportunity to organize and support many Italian contemporary art exhibitions at the Embassy of Italy and at museums and cultural institutions across the country.

In this framework, we also developed the idea for an Artists in Residence series, hosted at *Villa Firenze*, the Residence of the Italian Ambassador to the United States, which has provided Italian artists with a space for meaningful reflection and research on contemporary art and for the presentation of remarkable site-specific installations.

The series is now at its fourth edition, with the works of Florentine artist, Patrizio Travagli. We are very pleased that *Villa Firenze* – and the name couldn't be more apt – will host this dynamic contemporary artist over the next several months. Patrizio specializes in mixing different artistic mediums – painting, sculpture, video, photography and installation –, and also works with professionals from other fields, in order to amplify viewers' perception of light in its infinite nuances and, above all, test their own knowledge and boundaries of space. His site-specific exhibition created for our Residence projects us into a surreal and joyful dimension that captures a dynamic and constantly evolving landscape: each experience is personal, unique – and yours for the taking.

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