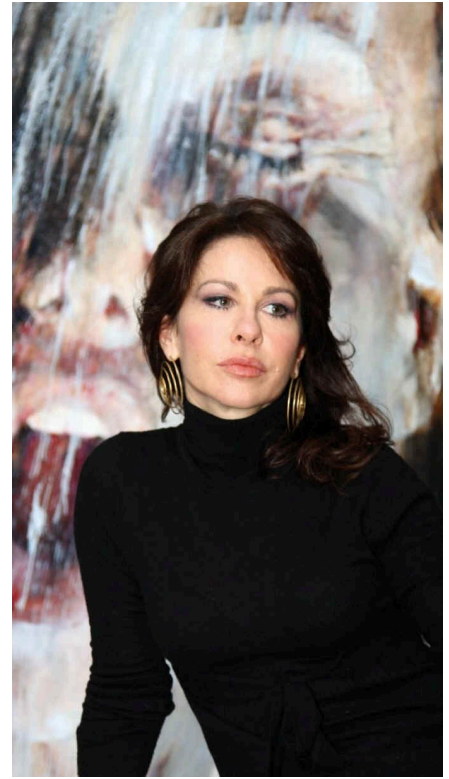


## Francesca Leone

Francesca Leone (b. 1964, Italy) is an Italian painter and sculptor based in Rome. Born in a family of artists and the child of filmmaker Sergio Leone, Leone studied under Professor Lino Tardia. Best known for her multimedia sculptures and artworks, Leone's practice revolves around repurposing items such as reclaimed metal sheets, reinforced concrete, and waste items such as bus tickets and cigarette stubs into sculptures that express themes of memory, time, transformation, and sustainability.

Leone's works suggest a new relationship with materials including metal and concrete that is no longer extractive, but restorative. These works invite the viewer to contemplate the damage done to these materials, and how Leone has restored them to recreate natural forms such as flowers, the sky, and caves. In 2022, Leone held a solo exhibition, "Take Your Time" as a collateral event to the 59th Venice Biennale. The installation encouraged viewers to move in a space suspended between between earthly and cosmic dimensions. Leone's recent series of roses are made in different sizes using metal sheets found in abandoned construction sites or buildings. Unfolding in different layers, Leone reveals the lacerations and rust of the materials, as if they were signs of aging in the flowers themselves.

In 2024, Leone received the Art Award: Female Sostantive from the A3M Association – Friends of Modern Art in Valle Giulia, which celebrates the commitment of women in art and in shaping the cultural landscape.



## Francesca Leone CV

b. 1964, Rome, Italy

### Education

Rome University of Fine Arts

### Selected Solo Exhibitions

2025 *Zzz...Desert*, La Galleria Nazionale, Rome, Italy

2025 *Roses*, Lower Grosvenor Gardens, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK

2024 *La Piazza*, Magazzino d'Arte Moderna, Rome, Italy

2022 *Take your Time*, Nomas Foundation, Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy

2020 *Si Può Illuminare un Cielo Melmoso e Nero?*, Magazzino d'Arte Moderna, Rome, Italy

2017 *Giardino*, Museum of Contemporary Art of Rome (MACRO), Rome, Italy

2012 *Francesca Leone*, Opera Gallery, London, London, UK

### Selected Group Exhibitions

2025 *Summer Group Show*, JD Malat Gallery, London, UK

2023 *Together we are art*, G20 Forum, Bihar Museum, Patna, India

2023 *Journey from Hyperrealism to Abstraction*, Mucciaccia Gallery, Singapore

2023 *Group Show*, Magazzino d'Arte Moderna, Rome, Italy

2022 *Celebration*, Magazzino d'Arte Moderna, Rome, Italy

2022 *Gathering*, Magazzino d'Arte Moderna, Rome, Italy

2011 *LIV International Art Exhibition*, Venice Biennale, Italy

**Selected works**



**Francesca Leone**

*Untitled*, 2009

Oil on canvas

51 1/8 x 43 1/4 in

130 x 110 cm



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*ARCH. 511*, 2024

Oil on copper sheet

160 cm (diameter) x 65 cm (height)

Iron Base: 50 cm x 50 cm x 41 cm