

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2008, at 5 p.m., in the entrance hall of the new centre of the municipality of Bologna in Liber Paradisus square, the mayor Sergio Cofferati and the President of Fondazione del Monte, Marco Cammelli will unveil the art piece “Mediterranean – Love Difference” 2002-2008 by Michelangelo Pistoletto.**

The art piece, acquired by the Fondazione del Monte, has been conceived and realized expressly for the new centre of the Council of Bologna.

The work has a size of 5 x 9,40 m and consists of several polished mirror steel panels, fixed on appropriate frames. The shape represents the Mediterranean Sea with the “Love Difference” writing made in coloured letters over. This site-specific installation, conceived according to the space where it is going to be installed, is a big mirror addressed to the humanity. People will be reflected, measured and found in it, arising a situation of exchange where the spectator finds himself living both the building and the art piece at the same time.

From the declaration by Pistoletto: “Love Difference is an Artistic Movement for an InterMediterranean Politic, that brings the feeling of love there where tragic conflicts between people and culture are generated”.

The artist is going to be present during the ceremony.