

## Sacro Profano – Roberto Rocco’s exhibit at Argentario Golf & Wellness Resort in Porto Ercole

*Sacro Profano* (Sacred Profane) is Roberto Rocco’s photographic exhibition set to captivate visitors in Porto Ercole from 16 September to 30 November 2023.

**In addition to the vernissage on Saturday 16 September, it will be possible to meet the artist on Saturday 14 October too.**



Argentario Golf & Wellness Resort will host the exposition in its striking spaces featuring modern architecture and sweeping panoramic views of the natural landscape up to Orbetello Lagoon. In this unique and exciting exhibit, the artist confronts biblical iconography and proposes it with a contemporary reinterpretation, where ordinary people become interpreters of images that have been part of the collective imagination for more than two thousand years.

In Roberto Rocco’s work, photography dialogues with painting, sculpture, writing, cinema, theatre, design and music. In this exhibition, ancient biblical simulacra find a new contemporary existence expressed through the “profane” that underlines the absence of the “sacred” while actually recalling it and triggering that spiritual antinomy on which the Christian religious system is based.

### ABOUT ROBERTO ROCCO

Photographer and film director Roberto Rocco is one of the most interesting artists on the Italian contemporary art scene. His work has been published in the world’s most prominent magazines, like Harper’s Bazaar and Vogue. The way he intercepts the light is one of his



distinctive features: he manages to establish an original and suggestive complicity with light, a strategic and almost metaphysical alliance when creating images and motion pictures, affecting the aesthetic sensitivity of the observer in incredibly profound ways. Each of his photographs is a “journey of the soul”.

His career began when he was a very young assistant to the great Franco Zeffirelli in making “The Taming of the Shrew” with Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. Since then, he has photographed movie and entertainment stars such as Monica Bellucci, Julia Roberts, Cameron Diaz, Mickey Rourke, Quincy Jones, Robert de Niro, and Madonna.