



## Letter of confirmation

The Akademie Schloss Solitude is a foundation dedicated to fostering young and particularly talented professional artists, humanists, scientists and economists. As an outstanding candidate Leone Contini has been selected for a six months Solitude scholarship by our this-year-juror for economy, Ackbar Abbas, Professor for comparative literature at the University of California, Irvine/USA.

During his fellowship (January-June 2018) Leone Contini will work on his ongoing project "Il Corno Mancante" (The missing horn). The starting point of this project is the bombing, during WW2, of the ethnographic collection of Milano. On one level the project is a multi-sited investigation of the physical remains of such traumatic events: the debris of the bombings were in fact often piled up to create artificial hills, called in German Trümmerberg - the one in Stuttgart located on the Birkenkopf hill is called Monte Scherbelino (from the German "Scherben" for broken glass) while the one in Milano is called Monte Stella. On a second level the search of ethnographic dispersed fragments - such as the "missing horn" of a Buddhist sacred character, got lost during the bombing and likely buried in Monte Stella - is the occasion to redefine a notion of Otherness as a constitutive part of the Self, on the cross-road of history, fiction, participatory practices and artistic poiesis.

This project will be supported by Akademie Schloss Solitude with six months of fellowship (1.150 Euro/month) and a project budget of approximately 4.000 Euro. The studio he will occupy for the time of his residency in Solitude is free of charge and is equivalent to 600 Euro/month.

Akademie Schloss Solitude would be delighted if other partners could contribute to the realization of Mr. Contini's project and is open for any kind of cooperation with other institutions.

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Prof. Jean-Baptiste Joly  
director