



Curriculum of Francesco Ducato

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About Stardust*

Stardust* was born in the November 2008 from an idea of Carla Athayde and Francesco Ducato.

Working in an international scale and in different art fields produced the need to develop a studio not worried about disciplinary definitions, not dedicated to specialization but concentrated in the construction of new realities defining relations of abilities and talents for each project.

The idea came from the need to “reveal” the connection between the different creative experiences and improve the mystery of this connection.

Stardust* is the result of an intuition and is a factory of intuitions.

Stardust* is a studio that operates in the field of the arts with a strong creativity impregnated by the culture of making. Creation and production work together to realize projects of high quality and efficiency. In this way the management becomes part of the creative process giving guaranties of success to the client and to the **Stardust*** team.

Against the idea of StarSystem we believe on the idea of strong, talented and qualified individualities, able to share their know how with the objective of a critic, innovative and responsible transformation of their physical and cultural environment. Meaning with environment every material or virtual space with its peculiarities.

Stardust* is at the moment developing projects in Spain, Italy, Brazil and USA and has not geographical limits.

CURRICULUM

- 2012** - Director of the projects of Stardust* (www.stardustudio.com). Professor and lecturer in different international universities. Has participated in various international exhibitions, many of his projects have been awarded and published in important magazines like Abitare and received interviews about his work in important television channels like TV3 in Spain and RAI 1 in Italy.
- Professor at the Universitat Internacional de Catalunya for the workshop In2 Space organized by MAG LAB.
 - Project of the “Spazio Cafè” in the city center of Marsala (Italy) for the leading companies of the industry of the coffee industry in Italy.
- 2011** - Director of the Ephemeral Arts Connection 2011_International Workshop in Sicily. Organized by Stardust* and Elisava International School of Design and Engineering, Spain.
- Project Leader of the Art Explosion project in partnership (ATS) with the Municipality of Marsala.
 - Design of the Addauro Hotel**** in Siracusa, Italy
- 2010** - Lecture_Performative Architecture/Art and Parametric Design at the University of Bologna, Italy.
- Interiors Forum World 2010_Politecnico di Milano with the project INTERACTION by Stardust*.
 - Director of the Ephemeral Arts Connection 2011_International Workshop in Sicily. Organized by Stardust* and Elisava, Spain.
 - Professor each semester since May at the AIU (Arab International University) Damascus, Syria.
 - Lecture_About Stardust* at the Faculty of Architecture, University of Bahia (FAUFBA), Brazil.
- 2009** - Lecture at the Gaudí’s Pedrera, Barcelona (Spain) about “Media-TIC, the Digital Pedrera”.
- Special mention for the Quadaranti di Architettura Prize for the Venice Biennale installation, Italy.
 - Lecture as one of the 11 best sicilian architects in the event “11 Questions for 11 Architects”, Centro Culture Contemporanee Zo, Catania, Italy.
 - MediaTIC office building. Project architect for the Cloud 9/Enric Ruiz Geli team, Barcelona, Spain. Best building of the year for the WAF 2011 (World Architectural Festival, Barcelona 2011)
 - Cloud 9 exhibition design in UCLA (University of California - Los Angeles).
- 2008** - Cloud 9 exhibition design for the Venice Biennale 2008, Venice, Italy.
- Founded Stardust* (www.stardustudio.com) with Carla Athayde.
 - Summer program at the Watermill Center of Robert Wilson as selected international artist. New York, USA.
 - Design of the Loop art festival Fair space, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2007** - Joined the Cloud 9/Enric Ruiz Geli team as project leader, Barcelona, Spain.
- ItalianStyle exhibition, Chicago, USA, with his project Casa 4.
 - Sicilia Olanda exhibition. Ciminiere Cultural Center Catania, Italy.
- 2006** - SiciliaArchitettura exhibition, Expa gallery, Palermo, Italy.
- 2005** - Design of the Casa 4, Marsala, Italy.
- Lecture at the Faculty of Architecture, University of Siracusa, Italy.
- 2004** - Collaboration with RGA arquitectes, www.rga.es, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2003** - Project of the K-Esport restaurant, Barcelona, Spain.
- Macef Design, www.macef.it, Exhibition in the “Macef Design Prize” (Milan, Italy) of two industrial design projects. Co-author C.Zappulla. Project, presentation and rapid prototyping, Milan, Italy.
 - Winner of the “New Kitchen revolution competition” organized by De Longhi S.P.A.(De Longhi, www.delonghi.it) with two industrial design projects. Co-author C.Zappulla, Milan, Italy

EDUCATION

- 2006** - Phd program on Architectural Project. New instruments of architecture. ETSAB (Escola Técnica Superior de Arquitectura de Barcelona), Spain. DEA (Diploma of Advanced Studies). Thesis in progress.
- 2005** - Winner of the of the Bonino Pulejo Foundation Prize for his research in contemporary art and architecture, www.fbpme.org, Messina, Italy.
- 2004** - Scholarship of the Università degli Studi di Palermo for post graduating courses in foreign countries. Research about contemporary architectural project, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2004** - Graduated in architecture in the Università degli Studi di Palermo.
Final mark: 110/110 cum laude and special mention

LANGUAGES: Italian (native), Spanish (High Level), English (HL), Catalan (HL), Portuguese (HL)