

STEPEVI

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INSPIRATION ISTANBUL

8 carpets created by **Angelo Bucarelli** for **STEPEVI**

in occasion of the 53d Salone del Mobile of Milano

3 - 13 APRIL 2014

STEPEVI show-room & Galleria Antonio Battaglia

press preview April 3d from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm
at Galleria Antonio Battaglia (via Ciovasso 5, 20121 Milan)

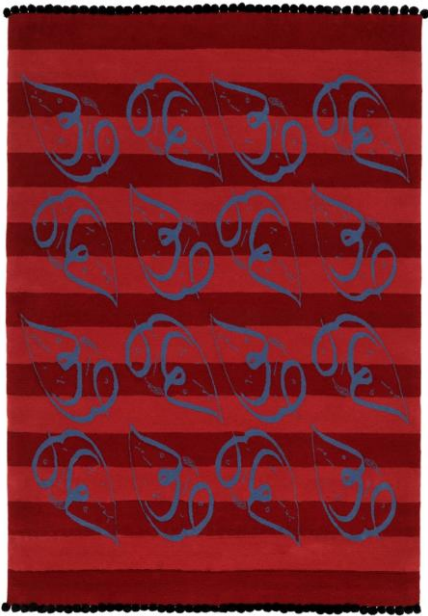
From the 3d to the 13th of April, **STEPEVI**, the undisputed benchmark of contemporary luxury rugs which has several boutiques in all the major world's capitals, presents at its showroom in Milan and at the Galleria Antonio Battaglia, a limited edition series of 8 carpet artworks, created by artist **Angelo Bucarelli**. He designed the carpets for the installation "Water. Like tears of love", realized for the Italian Institute of Culture as parallel event of the 13th Istanbul Biennial.

In his encounter with Istanbul, the artist's birthplace, Bucarelli concluded that water is the essence of the city's identity. He created his tale taking inspiration from the architecture of a XV Century abandoned hammam with glass, iron, cotton and embroidered decorations. He chose the carpet as the symbol of trade, a fluid 'medium' both for creativity and for cultural exchange. He has designed eight carpets that STEPEVI is proud to produce, with its typical quality and dedication, in a special limited edition.

The inspiration of the 8 carpets wheels around water and evocations of Istanbul. You will find them in the ottoman water calligraphy, shaped as a drop, as well as in the references to the traditional kilim carpets or to the old bazaar textiles and the hammam peshtemals, revised through the eyes of Bucarelli.

Seven (170 x 240 cm) carpets are proposed in a limited edition of 7 items. They are all in wool except for one that is realized in ton-sur-ton linen using an innovative production technic. The eighth carpet (200 x 300 cm) consists of a black background with twelve white ottoman words that the artist uses to express his idea of water. This article is realized in 5 pieces only.

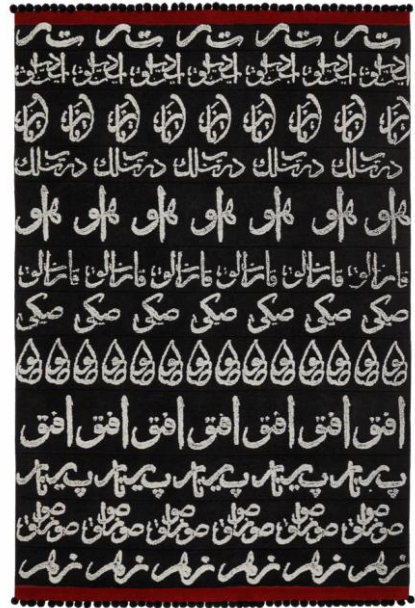
Angelo Bucarelli will treat guests signing a print as a gift, every evening from 7pm to 9pm (till the end of the edition).



Water cm 170 x 240
 Quality: Select Wool, Viscose pom fringes
 Limited edition of 7 items



Blu Ikat cm 170 x 240
 Quality: Select Wool & Viscose with carving
 Limited edition of 7 items



12 Words cm 200 x 300
 Select Wool, Viscose pom fringes
 Relief and carving
 Limited edition of 5 items

ANGELO BUCARELLI

Eclectic and versatile, Angelo Bucarelli has developed his experience in Italy and in the USA where he has worked as Art Director for Art Forum International. He joined the Roman art world in the early seventies, dividing his time between sculpture, photography, conceptual art and cinema, besides working as an assistant to Claude Lelouche and Federico Fellini. He is a pioneer of the idea of culture as an instrument of communication and he is an artist and a designer (it is impossible to forget the famous inflatable plastic book designed for Mondadori). In the Eighties he moved to New York, where he came into contact with the cultural environment of the City and worked alongside major artists such as Richard Poussette Dart, Arman, Arnaldo Pomodoro, Beverly Peppers and Larry Rivers. He has exposed at the 53rd Venice Biennale, at Mart Museum of Rovereto, at the Museum of Modern Art of Anticoli Corrado (Rome), at the Bunker of the Duino Castle, at the Museum of Città della Pieve, in several galleries, and he has been invited to the 4th Art Biennial of Baku in Azerbaijan. In 2013 at the 13rd Biennial of Istanbul he achieved resounding success.

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Galleria Antonio Battaglia

The Antonio Battaglia Gallery, established in 2002, was born to propose Italian painting inside of an elegant courtyard in the heart of the district of Brera in Milan, a few steps away from the Pinacoteca di Brera.

The gallery is present at the main fairs of modern and contemporary art. Its exhibition program focuses primarily on artists that the Antonio Battaglia Gallery represents independently and with its own spirit of inquiry beyond the fashions of the market.

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