



ITALY

“ISOLA”  
THE ISLAND OF MILAN

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“L’ISOLA” (THE ISLAND) IS A FORMER POPULAR AND WORKING CLASS DISTRICT BUILT AT THE END OF THE NINETENTH CENTURY AROUND PORTA NUOVA, CLOSE TO THE CENTER OF MILAN. IN RECENT YEARS THE DISTRICT HAS UNDERGONE MANY CHANGES BECOMING THE NEW “PLACE TO BE” WHILE WAITING FOR THE EXPO 2015.

BUT UNLIKE WHAT HAPPENED IN MANY OTHER CITIES, THE “ISOLA” DISTRICT DIDN’T SUFFER A GENTRIFICATION PROCESS THAT HAS FORCED ELSEWHERE THE OLD INHABITANTS TO LEAVE THEIR HOUSES. HERE INSTEAD, A MIX BETWEEN PAST AND PRESENT STILL EXISTS AND SURVIVES. IN A SINGLE METROPOLITAN AREA, CRAFTSMEN OF EXCELLENCE, VINTAGE FASHION BOUTIQUES, HISTORICAL CULTURAL SPOTS, NEW PASSIONS AND AN ASSOCIATIONIST TRADITION, LIVE AND WORK IN THE SHADOW OF THE NEW SKYSCRAPERS DESIGNED BY INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTS.



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GAE AULENTI SQ., A NEW ARCHITECTURAL  
REALITY AT THE EDGE OF THE OLD DISTRICT



MAURIZIO ACCATTATO DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL OF CIRCUS ARTS AND THEATRE, IS PUTTING ON MAKE UP USING A REARVIEW MIRROR OF A CAR

SILVIA AND STEFANO BERTOLAJA OWNERS OF THE VINTAGE CLOTHING STORE 'THE VINTAGE'



OVERVIEW OF THE NEW SKYSCRAPERS OF PORTA  
GARIBALDI AT THE EDGE OF THE OLD DISTRICT





YOUNG PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE HAMBURGER RESTAURANT DENNIS KD HOUSE



OTTI WITH HER THE DOG GILDA, OWNER WITH HER HUSBAND CLAUDIO CALESTANI OF THE SHOP WHERE THEY PRODUCE BUCKLES AND OTHER OBJECTS IN SILVER

JAMES CARTER PERFORMS AT THE BLUE NOTE JAZZ CLUB IN THE HISTORIC BORSIERI ST.





BOYS IN GAE AULENTI SQ., A NEW ARCHITECTURAL REALITY AT THE EDGE OF THE OLD DISTRICT



DARIO MASTROIANNI IN HIS WORKSHOP FOR REPAIRS AND CONSTRUCTION OF CUSTOM-MADE MOTORCYCLES





PERFORMANCE IN THE STREETS OF THE ARTISTS' QUARTER OF THE PIC  
SHOW - FIRST AID CLOWN - DIRECTED BY MAURIZIO ACCATTATO

ELENA DEL CORTIVO, CREATOR (THE ONLY ONE IN ITALY) OF  
ROSETTES IN PARCHMENT FOR HARPSICHORD AND BAROQUE GUITAR,  
AT WORK IN HIS WORKSHOP / HOME IN PASTRENGO ST.



THE ' ISOLA ' DISTRICT SEEN FROM THE 39TH FLOOR OF  
THE PALAZZO DELLA REGIONE LOMBARDA





MESTRE BAIXINHO, CREATOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE ACADEMIA DE CAPOEIRA WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE DISTRICT



LUCA THE OWNER OF THE BAR LA CANTINETTA, ONE OF THE OLDEST AND MOST POPULAR PLACES IN THE DISTRICT, WITH THE ACTOR EMANUELE SIMONINI

THE TRENDY RESTAURANT DEUS, ONE OF THE  
NEW REALITIES OF THE DISTRICT





MAURIZIO ACCATTATO DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL OF CIRCUS ARTS AND THEATRE,  
WITH A GROUP OF YOUNG ARTISTS OF THE PIC SHOW - FIRST AID CLOWN -



ALICE AND SONIA YOUNG TATTOOERS IN THEIR STORE /  
WORKSHOP QUETZAL LADY IN THAON DE REVEL ST.



MAX BRUNELLO CREATOR OF CUSTOM MADE  
GLASSES IN HIS SHOP / WORKSHOP EYE LAND





A WOMAN IN PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL OF THE  
CHURCH OF SANTA MARIA ALLA FONTANA

MURALS ON THE WALL OF ONE OF THE ENTRANCES TO  
THE RAILWAY STATION OF PORTA GARIBALDI





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