



Simona Dolci

Simona Dolci is a painter and architect.

She achieved a doctorate in Architecture at the Florence University under Leonardo Ricci and stayed on for several years to work as an assistant professor.

In 1983 she met the florentine painter Nerina Simi and entered her atelier. There, studying drawing and painting, she understood her vocation and talent for art.

Following this, she completed her artistic education at the Studio Cecil-Graves in 1991.

She has continued painting in her studio, situated in an old monastery in the heart of Florence, carrying on in her artistic research. Interested in traditional painting techniques she connects in her images the study of the past with a contemporary sensitivity.

Since 1992 she has been teaching at the Florence Academy of Art drawing and painting skills to a generation of young artists, who have been attracted by Florence's reputation as a leading center for the study of professional art.

As Director of the Intensive Drawing Program she contributed to develop a successful school of realistic art.

Over the years she has been winning awards and the positive acclaim of art critics for her works, which are to be found in private collections in Italy, France, England, Ireland, America and Mexico.

Exhibitions

1996 - *Italian Cultural Institute,*
San Francisco, USA

- *Duncan Connelly Gallery,*
Atlanta, USA

- *Appleton Museum of Art,*
Ocala, Florida, USA

- 1997** - *Persone e Personaggi*, Solo-Show,
Lyceum Club International, Florence, Italy
- *St. Peter's Hall*,
London, England
- *Rosso Cimabro*,
Florence, Italy
- 1998** - *Museo Italoamericano*,
San Francisco, USA
- 1999.** - *Le donne al Lyceum*,
Lyceum Club International,
Florence, Italy
- 2002** - *Westbeth Arts Gallery*,
New York, USA
- *ISB Gallery*,
Rhode Island School of Design, USA
- *Palazzetto Cenci*,
Rome, Italy
- 2003** - *Realism Revisited*,
Panorama Museum, Bad Frankenhausen, Germany
- *Realism Revisited*,
Hirschl and Adler Galleries, New York, USA
- *Century Gallery*,
Alexandria, Virginia, USA
- *Andreeva Portrait Gallery*,
Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA
- 2005** - *The Florence Academy of Art 1st Alumni Exhibition*,
Le Scuderie Corsini, Florence, Italy
- 2006**
- *Solomon Gallery*, Collettiva,
Dublin, Ireland
- *Pitti Gallery*,
Florence, Italy
- *The Florence Academy of Art 2nd Alumni Exhibition*
Le Scuderie Corsini, Florence, Italy
- 2007**
- *The Art of Seduction*, Two-Men Show
Gormley's Fine Art, Dublin, Ireland
- *The Florence Academy of Art 3rd Alumni Exhibition*
Le Scuderie Corsini, Florence, Italy
- 2008** - Lyceum Club International, Florence, Italy

- 2009** - *The Florence Academy of Art 4th Alumni Exhibition*,
Le Scuderie Corsini, Florence, Italy
- *Il Cancellò*,
Florence, Italy
 - *Contemporary Florentine Realism*,
Cami Gallery, Florence, Italy
 - *New Realism*
Convento di Santa Maria degli Angeli, Florence, Italy
- 2010** - *The Florence Academy of Art 5th Alumni Exhibition*
Le Scuderie Corsini, Florence, Italy
- Galleria Antiquaria Esposito, Florence, Italy
- 2012** - *The Florence Academy of Art 6th Alumni Exhibition*
Le Scuderie Corsini, Florence, Italy
- 2013** - *Nel segno di Hermes*
Lyceum Club International, Florence, Italy
- 2014** - *"Nerina Simi e I suoi allievi"*
Stazzema, Italy
- *"The Florence Academy of Art Alumni Show at the Richard J. Massey Foundation"*
New York, USA
- 2015** - The Florence Academy in New York
Mana Contemporary, Jersey City New York
- 2017** - *"La Signorina – Nera Simi and her students"*
Cardoso Stazzema
- *"The Shape of Beauty"*
Palazzo Salomone Piccolomini, Pienza, Italy
- 2018** - *"The sweet noise of life"*
St. Augustine's Church and Cloister, Pietrasanta, Italy
- *"Caterina de' Medici Award" 33th Lorenzo il Magnifico Award of the International Medicean Academy*, Palazzo Vecchio, Florence, Italy
 - Virtuoso e Belcanto Festival Lucca.
Concert "Pictures at an Exhibition" M. Mussorgsky.
Exhibition in the Real Collegio Lucca