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## SANTA MARIA DELLA SCALA. FEDERICO PACINI NEW BOOK

'Santa Maria della Scala' is the new photobook by Federico Pacini. Lina Manousogiannaki has wrote a short introduction about it.

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\*Santa Maria della Scala is a hospital ensemble which dates back to the 11 th century and is located in the Italian medieval city of Siena. It is the oldest medical institution in Europe and one of the oldest in the world. Currently, part of the building is under renovation in order to be transformed to a museum. It is in these -to be renovated-compartments of the building that the photographer Federico Pacini has concentrated on for this book. In his book, Pacini concentrates on the spatial identity of the building throughout the years of its use. Pacini combines elements of the past and the present into a fluent narration. Modern meets ancient in interchangeable images which do not aim to focus on a specific era but merely on an ensemble combining past and present before stepping into the future. Artefacts of a reality already passed are in an open dialogue with elements of the present; the photographer explores the time frame of material culture brilliantly-e. frame of material culture brilliantly».











Federico Pacini was born in Siena in 1977. He has received a number of awards: the Hemingway Award in 2014 for the book Purtroppo ti amo (Quinlan 2013), second place at the IPA 2009 Lucie Awards for the book 00001735.tif 2013), second piace at the 1974 2009 Lucie Awards for the book Uoud 175.5th as well as second place at the 1974 competition for the same book. His images can be seen in the Museo Nazionale del Cinema in Turin, the Museo di Fotografia Nazionale Alinari in Florence, the Musee de la Photographie in Charlerol, the Centro di Ricerca e Archivo Forografia CRAF in Lestans, the Collezione Monte del Paschi di Siena, the Collezione Fabio Castelli as well as private collections. You can see more of his work in his site: http://www.federicopacini.it/new.php1

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