

## UNLIKE A DRAWN LINE A WALKED LINE CAN NEVER BE ERASED

Hamish Fulton is a self-characterized 'walking artist'. All of his art results from the particular walks that he has experienced. In the mid - sixties, Fulton decided that art should be about life, not about producing objects, as he has stated "An object cannot compete with an experience". He has walked in more than 25 countries during the past 50 years: the first student group 'artwalk' took place on February 2nd, 1967. "If I do not walk, I cannot make a work of art" Fulton explains. "The physical involvement of walking creates a receptiveness to the landscape. I walk on the land to be woven into nature. A road walk can transform the everyday world and give a heightened sense of human history."

In the occasion of *UNLIKE A DRAWN LINE A WALKED LINE CAN NEVER BE ERASED*, Hamish Fulton will show what he now calls 'weaving', the walks that relate with other walks. Invisible footsteps connects four previous walks that are the guided climb to the summit of Marmolada Dolomities in 2004; a seven day walk from and to Bocca di Magra at sea level via the top of Monte Sagro and marble extraction in Carrara in 2007 (*Carrara*), a five day walk from the mountains downstream to the sea past the Marmolada to Venice in 2012, the one hour walk with 216 participants across and back on stone paving lines of the courtyard at Palazzo Ducale in Venice in 2015 and the more recently eight day coast to coast road walk from Bocca di Magra, via the Seminario Tunnel, ended with the full moon of March in Venice in 2017 (*Not by Car*).

The first exhibition by Hamish Fulton in Galleria Michela Rizzo was in 2012 in dialogue with Richard Nonas. In 2014 the gallery has organized his walk on Etna that it took shape in the solo exhibition "Migrant Volcano" placed at Palazzo Platamone in Catania. One year later, in 2015, the gallery has organized the performance "Repetitive Walk", that it happened in Palazzo Ducale in Venice with 216 participants.

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