

**SS:** We are Corpicrudi, a combination of two Italian words sounding like “rawbodies”. We are an artistic duo, Samantha Stella and Sergio Frazzangaro, based in Genoa, Italy, 150km south from Milan. We work on a transversal language between contemporary art, electronic music and style.

**MV:** How long have you been together?

**SS:** We started in late 2003. I (Samantha Stella) came from contemporary dance/theater background, Sergio from architecture and the electronic DJ scene.

**MV:** What inspires you?

**SS:** Our contemporary imagery is coming from a mix up of fashion, cinema, videoclips, advertising and electronic music.

**MV:** What is Corpicrudi?

**SS:** Art, passion, aesthetic harmony research focused on a minimal, cold and frozen action.

**MV:** Where did the idea for Corpicrudi come from?

**SS:** The name comes from the body’s use, an instinctive essential element of our artwork due to my contemporary dance background.

The project started when we were invited by some friends to present live performances for fashion stores party openings and clubs events in our town. Sergio played as DJ and I was involved with contemporary / theater dance classes for many years...Then we were invited to perform in some festivals, mostly in theaters. Since our beginnings we were oriented to the use of videos with our live performance. We realized soon that the video language was our first love and we started to speak about “video performance”. We also love photography, so we are working on a combination of video and picture presentation.

**MV:** What has been the response of the project so far?

**SS:** We have mostly worked for two years on a cool project called “arena m-eats Corpicrudi. Samantha Stella’s house” co-directed and co-performed by Corpicrudi and Francesco Arena.

Videos & photos inspired by the reality shows’ format, shot in a beautiful design hotel in Milan, in a fashion store in our city, and at the Contemporary Art Museum L. Pecci in Prato, Italy. Split in 4 episodes (bathroom, bedroom, sitting room and dining room), it was presented in many different situations, contemporary art galleries & shows, fashion stores, video and short film festivals, all over Italy. One video episode entered the Right of Light Foundation thru Saatchi & Saatchi New York.

We have just completed the editing of a unique video sequence, called AMC FILM (AMC = Arena M-eats Corpicrudi, the project’s title coming from a combination of our two artistic names!), featuring simultaneous screenings of the three video sections relative to each episode. It is now under presentation in some international video art/ performance festivals in Europe.

In these two years we also worked on our own corpicrudi projects and our works joined a private Italian contemporary art collection together with famous artists like Vanessa Beecroft, Terry Richardson, Nobuyoshi Araki...Our last efforts were spent on the serial project “Study for Stella last ciak” started with some pictures we were invited to shoot for Drome magazine, and a video and relative photo shoot at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Trento, Italy. The concept is about a study on the last action [“last ciak”] shot in an atmosphere like a movie set. Being clear that the action is untrue, it cannot actually be the last one and can still be repeated...

**MV:** What can we expect to see from Corpicrudi in the future?

**SS:** Well, a big amazing international project called BEAUTIFUL UNTRUE PEOPLE born and developed through Myspace online community, inspired by the sentence “lying, the telling of beautiful untrue things, is the proper aim of art”. Beautiful untrue people is a concept based on an interaction between contemporary art, music and a new aesthetic culture. We selected a series of international artists for their common vision, sound and style and invited them to submit their interpretation of the “last ciak” theme, or “last untrue action”, through pictures, videos, clothes or music “featuring corpicrudi”.

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