This week’s featured Fellows have drawn inspiration from Tolstoy’s Anna Karenina, an ephemeral ice hotel in Sweden, Judy Chicago’s environmentalism, a “camera obscura,” and Paris’ Luxembourg gardens... Virtual views from the Villa dei Pini tower and Liguria’s most iconic fish recipe seal the deal!

Nancy Princethal
2019 Fellow in Visual Arts (Scholarship), United States

“It’s hard to believe that this time last year, I was beginning to plan for my residency at Bogliasco, in the fall. What a dream it seems now! Not just for the beauty and serenity, but also for the lively mealtime conversations, so buoying to remember in these strange times. During the corona ‘pause,’ I’ve been able to dig in to research I began there (on a short cultural history of the subconscious). To have gotten that huge jump start—and feedback to it—was invaluable.” Check out this recent interview Nancy did with Judy Chicago for Document Journal!


Dusan Tynak
2012 Fellow in Dance, Czechoslovakia

“It was a real honor and a life-changing experience to be able to participate in this phenomenal residency among so many accomplished and talented artists and scholars. The luxury of having the time to devote myself fully and completely without any distractions or responsibilities to thinking solely about my work and having a substantial period and unlimited access to space for experimenting and creation was monumental and eye-opening.” During his residency, Dusan sketched out preliminary choreographic ideas for the future production of the multidisciplinary work Anna, below, and inspired by Leo Tolstoy’s novel Anna Karenina.

Viviana Peretti
2017 Fellow in Visual Arts, Italy

Viviana’s residency project, Nostalgia in Blue, was shot at the Villa dei Pini where she turned the chalet into a camera obscura, “reflecting an inside portion of the outside world. In this way, I created a dialogue between private space and the external, magnificent, blue seascape.” This series includes a corresponding essay by Australian author Caroline Brothers (BF ’17), whom Viviana met in Bogliasco. Their collaboration was published by GRANTA in 2019.”

Paul Kane
2013 Fellow in Literature, United States

“From the descriptions of previous Fellows, I anticipated that my stay at Bogliasco would be an enjoyable one and, I hoped, productive as well. However, nothing prepared me for just how wonderful the experience would actually be. I recall at one point in the midst of my stay asking if anyone had ever flatly refused to leave, so impossible did it seem to voluntarily depart from such a perfect place.” Paul’s recent poem, In the Luxembourg Gardens, just appeared in the May issue of the Australian Book Review.

Mark Kendall
2017 Fellow in Film/Video, United States

“My current project follows the formation, journey, transmutation, and entropic decay of one block of ‘wild’ Torne River ice used in the construction of Sweden’s iconic, ephemeral ICEHOTEL—an apt site for investigating present notions of nature intertwined with social and technological systems.”

Calling all Bogliasco Fellows: Do you have something you would like to contribute to our weekly newsletter? Always feel free to reach out, we would love to hear from you!

Inspiration from Italy Continues... Thank you BF staff member Rafaella Folle for sharing images of your delicious steamed mussels, some agave flowers, and beautiful zucchini!

A Local Favorite: Ligurian Style Fish
One of our Fellows’ favorite dishes to learn during our cooking lessons is Pesce alla Ligure or Ligurian Style Fish. Click here for the recipe!

This Week’s Zoom Backgrounds
This week we are featuring images of Bogliasco by novelist, critic, and partner of Mary Morrisy (BF ’19), Colbert Kearney, and artist Shelly Silver (BF ’18). Simply click on an image below to download and add it to your virtual background. Visit the Zoom website for detailed instructions.

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