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LUIGI ZUCCHERI

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STANDARD (OSLO) is pleased to present the first exhibition in Norway by Italian painter, Luigi Zuccheri.

Luigi Zuccheri was a 20th century Venetian painter whose depictions of active, rural lives are rooted in his origins of the Veneto and Friuli region in subject, tone, and materials. Prior to the 1940's, Zuccheri's subjects reflected the Venetian traditions of portraying life and creatures in and around the Lagoon through landscapes, portraits, and classic still lives. Following the pervasive atrocities of WWII, and channeling an earlier influential stint in Paris, Zuccheri began depicting miniature figures dwarfed by enormous vegetables, flowers or animals - all placed in the foreground of the image. These compositions entertain the fallacy of perception just enough to question what exactly is playing out in the unusually proportioned scenes without fully veering into the surreal and marks a shift, addressing humankind's inferiority to the environment and a rejection of anthropocentrism.

Opening on Friday January 20th, 'Luigi Zuccheri' at STANDARD (OSLO) will be the first exhibition in Norway by the artist, and the first solo presentation outside of Italy since 1956. Zuccheri had actively exhibited during his lifetime, and was included in the Venice Biennale in 1950. His work has recently been reintroduced in a contemporary context through exhibitions at MMXX, Milan and at Fondation Vincent van Gogh in Arles, where his work is currently on view as part of 'Nature humaine - Humaine Nature', running until April this year.

Luigi Zuccheri (b. 1904, Gemona del Friuli - d. 1974, Venice)

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