

Jacopo Brancati, Author's biography

Jacopo Brancati, born in Genoa in 1966, professional photographer and specialized journalist, lives in France since 1992. After obtaining a Political Sciences degree at the University of Genoa, he orients his photographic approach towards ethnology and social sciences, while developing his career as logistics director for Danzas Italy and France.

In 2002 Brancati devotes himself entirely to photography and in cooperation with various European maritime museums he participates in several projects for the safeguard and enhancement of the maritime cultural heritage.

He explores the world of ports and navigation, describing the everyday reality of maritime and harbour workers, from the coasts of Italy to those of Northern Europe; he focuses on their maritime traditions, on the restoration, reconstruction and process of musealisation of historic ships.

Jacopo Brancati is a correspondent of the French magazine of maritime history and ethnology *Le Chasse-marée* and of the Italian magazine *Arte Navale*.

The encounter with the renowned English travel writer Eric Newby marks for Jacopo Brancati the beginning of a long study on the Grain Races (the grain trade from Australia to Europe at the beginning of the 20th century) and on the Finnish trade sailing.

Brancati has been the first and only curator of a photographic exhibition consecrated to Newby during his lifetime.

Brancati's photographic reportages have been commissioned and exhibited at the Musée Portuaire of Dunkirk (France), at the Museo del Mare in Genoa (Italy) and at the Suomen Merimuseo, the Finnish National Maritime Museum.

Various European specialised magazines took an interest in his work. In its issue n. 53 *Arte Navale* devoted him an article presenting a portfolio of photos he shot during his three-years stay in the North.

Since 2003 Jacopo Brancati is represented by Infine Arts, his work group, and by the Paris-based photographic agencies Sipa Image and Bridgeman Arts Library.

In 2004 the fine arts magazine *Connaissance des Arts* commissioned him a series of photos of Genoa, then European capital of culture.

PERSONAL EXHIBITIONS, a selection

- Passengers Terminal of the Port of Naples, presented by the Embassy of Finland in Rome – September / October 2009
- Luototalon Nuotta-kabinetti – Oulu, Finland – 23/07 - 05/09/2009
- Suomen Merimuseo – Kotka, Finland -12/11/2008- 31/05/2009
- Museo del Mare - Genoa, Italy – 07/06 – 31/08/2007
- Musée Portuaire – Dunkirk, France – 20/11/2004 – 20/02/2005
- Palais Rihour – Lille, France – « Lille Capitale Européenne de la Culture 2004 », presented by the Italian Consulate of Lille
- Istituto Italiano di Cultura - Hôtel de Galliffet – Paris, France 14/10 – 10/11/2003
- ARTE – Strasbourg, France – october 2002

AWARDS

In 2007 his book *Pilota a bordo! Uomini e navi del porto di Genova* was awarded the prize “Sanremo libro del Mare”, photographic books section.

COLLECTIONS

Suomen Merimuseo – National Maritime Museum of Finland

“Jäinen matka Suomeen” 60 fine art prints, numbered and signed

Gruppo Antichi Ormeggiatori – Genoa, Italy

“Uomini e navi del porto di Genova” 2 very large format photos

PUBLICATIONS, a selection

“Pilota a bordo! Uomini e navi del porto di Genova”

ERGA Edizioni, Italy 2004

Bilingual edition Italian-French. 220 pages, color and b/w photos.

Texts and photos by Jacopo Brancati

Le Chasse-Marée – France

Articles on maritime history and ethnology of the contemporary maritime world. Texts and photos by Jacopo Brancati

Connaissance des Arts - France

Photos from architectural heritage buildings

Arte Navale - Italy

Articles on maritime history. Texts and photos by Jacopo Brancati

La Casana - Italy

Articles on history and fine arts. Texts and photos by Jacopo Brancati

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