

PRESS RELEASE

BFF Gallery: Behind the Scenes

19-23 October 2026, BFF Gallery, Milan

For the first time, BFF Gallery opens its collection storage facility to the public, offering visitors the opportunity to discover where artworks are preserved and prepared for new exhibitions

The initiative is part of the 2026 edition of the “èCultura!” festival, promoted by ABI and ACRI

Milan, 5th October 2026 – From 19 to 23 October, BFF Gallery will exceptionally open the doors of its Collection storage facility. Through a guided tour, visitors will be able to access a space that is not normally open to the public, where artworks are preserved and prepared for new exhibitions.

Visitors will have the opportunity to view works that are not currently on public display or have recently returned from conservation and restoration treatments, as well as to gain a closer insight into the activities involved in preserving, handling and enhancing the Collection, including when its works are not on view.

The opening of the storage facility will also complement the visit to *Contemporary Echoes: Rediscovering Italian Art from 1950-1980*, currently on display at BFF Gallery until 26 November 2026. Visitors will be able to discover further works by the artists featured in the exhibition that are not included in the current selection and are not normally accessible to the public.

“BFF Gallery: Behind the Scenes” offers a unique opportunity to discover a space normally reserved for museum professionals, which plays an essential role in the preservation and enhancement of an organisation’s artistic heritage. Through this initiative, BFF Gallery is expanding opportunities for people to engage with art, giving the public a closer look at the less visible aspects of managing a collection.

The event is organised within the framework of the “èCultura!” festival, promoted by ABI and ACRI. This nationwide festival brings together cultural events organised each year by banks, banking foundations and the initiative’s partner companies.

Visits are free of charge and will take place from **Monday 19 to Friday 23 October, between 10.30 am and 5.30 pm, by prior booking only ([link](#))**.

BFF Gallery

BFF Gallery is a museum dedicated to promoting Italian art and culture, located within BFF Bank's headquarters in Milan. The project reflects the banking Group's mission to support the dissemination and appreciation of artistic heritage, including by sharing its own Collection with the public.

With free admission, the museum aims to foster a renewed appreciation of art as a stimulus for innovation and as a valuable means of exchanging and sharing knowledge, through an open, accessible cultural experience of high value.

Contemporary Echoes: Rediscovering Italian Art from 1950-1980

Curated by Renato Miracco, *Contemporary Echoes* explores, through a selection of works from the BFF Collection, the different identities of a period that laid the foundations for the history of contemporary art. The exhibition highlights the profound, documented and intrinsic connections between Italian and American artists from 1950 to 1980.

Works by nine Italian artists active during the period are presented, who engaged in a dialogue with American culture: Franco Angeli, Enrico Baj, Alberto Burri, Mario Ceroli, Giuseppe Capogrossi, Piero Dorazio, Gianfranco Pardi, Mario Schifano and Emilio Tadini.

Previously presented in New York and Washington, DC, in 2024, *Contemporary Echoes* opened to the public on 5 May 2026 and will run until 26 November 2026.

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