

Projection du film documentaire suisse « Tamaro. Pietre e angeli. Mario Botta Enzo Cucchi » à l'auditorium de la Faculté d'Architecture de l'Ecole Polytechnique d'Athènes, 27.11.2024 à 18:00

Video Message by the Ambassador of Switzerland to Greece
H.E. Stefan Estermann

Good evening – buona sera – Καλησπέρα σας!

My name is Stefan Estermann and I am the Ambassador of Switzerland to Greece. I would like to warmly welcome you to the screening of the film

«Tamaro. Pietre e angeli. Mario Botta Enzo Cucchi».

The screening takes place on the occasion of the Settimana della lingua italiana which is supported by our Embassy.

The film documents the interaction between the architect Mario Botta and the artist Enzo Cucchi in the process of creating the Santa Maria degli Angeli chapel on Monte Tamaro, Cantone del Ticino, Switzerland. The chapel was built from 1992 to 1996 at 1530m of altitude, and is a bold and innovative statement of contemporary spiritual architecture.

Mario Botta, who celebrated his 80th birthday last year, is probably the most well-known Swiss architect, and one of the most important contemporary architects worldwide. His buildings are immediately recognizable and iconic. Massive structural elements, rigorous symmetry and expressive geometrical shapes make them unique.

Botta also left his marks in Athens, the Buildings of the National Bank of Greece and of the National Insurance Company in Sygrou are a testimony of his architectural vision.

I would like to thank the Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, Irimi Klabatsea, and Professor Ioannis Yannoutsos for hosting this event at the historic building of the Polytechnio.

Thank you for your interest, and I wish you every success in all your plans and projects!