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PENSARE L'ARCHEOLOGIA NELL'EUROPA CONTEMPORANEA
LOOKING AT ARCHAEOLOGY IN CONTEMPORARY EUROPE



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What is archaeology? What is its role in the imagination of European citizens and, in general, in contemporary Europe?

These questions were the subject of a public competition titled "You(r) archaeology - portraying your past", included in the European NEARCH project funded by the European Commission. NEARCH is a Europe-wide cooperation network of 16 research and cultural heritage management institutions from 11 European countries, which aims to explore and evaluate the scientific, social and professional changes taking place in the world of archaeology.

The results of the contest - photos, drawings, paintings and videos - make up the first section of the exhibition "Archaeology&me".

Of the hundreds of works received, a selection presents the thousands of aspects of archaeology experienced not only as a tourist passion or museum object, but as a bridge between past and present, a reference to personal memories, a source of artistic inspiration, and a harmonious bond with time and nature

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The second section - "The Past in the Present" - offers the viewpoint of archaeologists, who give their answer, or answers, to the same question.

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Their considerations describe this discipline and its role in contemporary society, in a particular historical moment such as the one Europe is experiencing today.

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Lastly, in an interplay of cross-references, visitors will discover the central themes of "Archaeology&me" reflected in the works of the museum's permanent collection.

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"Archaeology&me" is not just an exhibition to be looked at, but also requires the active involvement of visitors, inviting them to offer their personal answers to the questions and stimuli that they encounter in the show.

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View the exhibition, visit the museum and express your point of view on twitter with the hashtag [#archaeoandme](#). Your answers and comments will be posted on the twitter wall on the ground floor.

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