

*PINTA arte contemporanea - Via Caffaro, 1-20, 16124 Genova*

ANDREA FRANK  
*SEARCH*

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PINTA arte contemporanea is pleased to present *SEARCH*, an exhibition of large scale gelatin silver prints depicting people climbing trees by New York based German artist Andrea Frank.

Using *contre-plongée*, a technique previously utilized by Bauhaus photographers to capture points of view of buildings from below, Frank's gaze and camera are turned upward to capture the visual merging of bodies with trees, the extremities and branches often indistinguishable. These moody and emotional sky-scapes, with branches and limbs reaching for the sky, can be read as metaphors for human aspiration, a search for a path of growth or change. At the same time they imply an impulse of flight or escape from a possibly threatening environment to the height of tree tops. On a psychological level the theme can be read as a "search" for the comfort and wholeness of tree climbing experiences from childhood.

Frank's use of infra-red film creates a dream-like light and atmosphere that lingers between day and night. The stark contrast of leafless trees with their outlines of lean branches lacerating a dense sky reinforces the overpowering quality of the photographs.

Frank studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Munich, Germany. She is also a graduate from Parsons (MFA) and the Whitney Independent Study Program in New York City. She lives in New York and currently teaches Photography and Related Media at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, MA.

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