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**Starting tomorrow: solo exhibition dedicated to French-American artist  
VANNI PRESENTS RAAB AT THE CHURCH OF SAN MATTEO**

Maurizio Vanni (photo), Director of Lucca Art Center of Contemporary Art, is the curator of the Simon Raab exhibition which will be opened tomorrow at 6 pm, by Claudio Poleschi, in the Church of San Matteo. For Raab, born in France and living in the United States, the reflection of light is central to his works, which blur the borders that separate painting and sculpture, abstract and figurative. „Parleau“ (through water) is the title of the solo exhibition, describing the finest assemblies of materials and colours, and indicating metaphorically the seductive quality of light passing through liquid, thus creating reflections and vibrations of colours in continuous movement, like flowing water. With the intention of bringing people to the centre of attention and engaging a broader and more heterogeneous audience, for the exhibition opening Vanni will be hosting a lively talk, entitled „Water in art and life - From the depths in the works of Rothko to the liquid stories of Simon Raab.“ Another group of professionals linked to other art disciplines (Alessia Calò, dancer; Giovanna Gemignani, writer; Meme Lucarelli, musician; Silvia Cosentina, actress) will present their interpretation of the main focus of the exhibition, water, by emphasizing the unique concept and characteristics of Raab's works. The exhibition will remain open until October 2nd.

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