

**SANDRO SETOLA**

**Sandro Setola: *Lanterns*, 2013**

- Houtskool en pastel op zwart papier
- 52x65 cm,
- prijs: 1.500 euro (inc. 6% btw, zonder lijst).

The work of **Sandro Setola** (1976) shows a strong fascination for architectural/psychological processes and phenomena. These often dramatic processes, such as isolation, expansion, transformation, growth and decay are interpreted in a poetic, personal and sometimes cynical/humoristic way. Associations with architectural proposals allow these works to enter a twilight zone between desire and reality that in return raises questions about their function or meaning.

On the one hand his works can be seen as comments on our everyday surroundings and urban environment by proposing buildings that seem to be designed for the expression of discomfort, spirituality or a lack of ideology or function. Underneath this seemingly critical attitude the work's strong links to the mentioned natural or universal processes and their psychological parallels prevail and cause the proposed structures to be representations of a particular state of mind or personality.

Setola studied at the Akademie voor Kunst en Vormgeving 's-Hertogenbosch, the Glasgow School of Art and the Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten in Amsterdam. His work has been awarded several times and is appreciated on an international level, as is marked by his being invited to many solo and group exhibitions and appreciation in many publications. The work of Sandro Setola is part of many Dutch and international collections: Achmea, AkzoNobel, Kunstsammlung Baselland, Provincie Limburg, Centraal Museum Utrecht, Museum Beelden aan Zee, Arcadis and various private collections.

For the Cityscapes Builders Selection we chose the work ***Lanterns* (2013)**, a very powerful, yet 'minimal' drawing. With some dots and lines of white pastel and charcoal Setola evokes a mysterious, heavenly light. Like *Cristianity* the other work by Setola in the Cityscapes Collection, *Lanterns* gives the ordinary (every day, modern street lanterns) a certain metaphysical, religious expression and meaning, 'Let light shine out of Darkness'.