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**Dennis Oppenheim
Device to Root Out Evil**

Curated by Ursula Hawlitschka

17 January – 28 February 2013

Opening reception: Thursday, 17 January 2013, 6.30-9pm

With the presence of Carlo Vannoni

A catalogue will be available in the gallery

On the occasion of the gallery's inauguration, montoro12 contemporary art is pleased to present a solo exhibition of American artist Dennis Oppenheim (1938-2013) curated by Ursula Hawlitschka. The exhibition, realized in collaboration with Orler Galleries and with the patronage of the American University of Rome, falls on the second anniversary of the artist's death and traces his artistic path by showing a variety of works from the 1970's to 2010.

The exhibition consists of more than twenty works, from the great projects for public works to metal and acrylic resin sculptures, demonstrating the great versatility of a true genius of contemporary art. Oppenheim is certainly one of the best known artists of his generations, first appearing on the international art scene in the 1960's as a member of a group of "Land Art" artists, which also includes Walter de Maria, Robert Smithson and Richard Long. From the end of the 1970's Oppenheim's work has concentrated on public projects, hybrids of sculpture and architecture, all preceded by a number of mixed media studies, which constitute the major part of the works exhibited.

The exhibition takes its title from an installation shown for the first time at the Biennale in Venice in 1997, *Device to Root Out Evil*, the study of which is exhibited in the gallery.

Dennis Oppenheim's work is represented in the permanent collection of the most important museums in the world, such as the MoMA New York, the Metropolitan Museum New York, the Tate Gallery London, the Reina Sofia Madrid, the Centre Pompidou Paris and numerous others.

For the inauguration products from the agriturismo Il Poggio of San Casciano dei Bagni (SI) will be offered.