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## OTTIMISMO DEMOCRATICO (Democratic Optimism)

Dvd+Book

12 short films in black and white +  
Il passato è il mio bastone (The past  
is my stick) presented at **Venice Days  
65. Mostra Internazionale d'Arte  
Cinematografica di Venezia**

Languages: Italian, English  
60 pages photographic book  
Double Layer Dvd, 130 minutes

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*"An artistic group without examples; the avantgarde of the Twenties, surrealism, there's so much inside. It's a conceptual project and I like that."*  
**Giovanni Spagnoletti**

*"The most fascinating thing is the effort, to be different even from each other as well from the others, or else the will or the fear of sinking into a twosome thing."*  
**Enrico Ghezzi**

*"Their experience is internationally unique, they are two poets of cinema, theatre and writing. They are two visionaries."*  
**Cristina Piccino**

*"An "automatic writing" that proceeds from an idea to an idea without any apparent narrative logic. At times I myself don't understand, but no matter."*  
**Morando Morandini**

*"When you laugh in their films, it's never a laugh of satisfaction or letting-off steam. What they do is totally absurd."*  
**Steve Della Casa**

**Flavia Mastrella** and **Antonio Rezza** have made an infinite number of short films, three feature films, nine theatre performances, television programmes and various artistic and literary works.

Their productions, all in black and white, have **never been issued as home videos** but have won numerous prizes in the main festivals of independent cinema and are now considered cult movies.

Suppetij, De Civitate Rei, Schizzopatia, Il Piantone... **Ten years of original, visionary and surreal productions immortalised** by the photographer Martina Villiger **in the book edited by the authors themselves.**

Dvd includes the unpublished 43 minutes documentary **"Il passato è il mio bastone"** (The Past is My Stick) with unedited images and with interventions of some of the most important italian critics: Cristina Piccino, Steve Della Casa, Giovanni Spagnoletti, Fabio Ferzetti, Marco Dotti, Paolo D'Agostini, Morando Morandini, enrico ghezzi and Roberto Silvestri.