

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: NEW EXHIBITION

***Italia Mia* by Christopher Tovo**

Colour Factory Gallery, 409 – 429 Gore St, Fitzroy, + 61 3 94198756

Exhibition dates: May 6 – 28, 2011

Opening: Thursday May 5, 6 - 8pm

To be opened by the Italian Consulate General, Marco Mattacotta

This collection of photographs is an emotional response to the people I met, the bars I visited and the streets I lost myself in. They are... "My Italy"



While Australia struggles with a global perception of “laid-back” bronzed bodies on beaches, Italy suffers an inextricable link to pizza, gelato and the leaning tower of Pisa, as definitive representations of its culture. *Italia Mia* directly translates to *My Italy*, an apt title for Christopher Tovo’s new exhibition. This collection reverently delves into the character of Italy and its people. There is a quiet, brooding intensity among the images; a curious absence of time.

A journey into his Italian heritage, Tovo captures people and places with such nostalgia; the personal experience imbued in the images is not only engaging but inescapable. To be lost in an image, without the viewer being distracted by their own technical dissection, requires a photographer to let you into their soul and dissolve into their world. *Italia Mia* invites you into the alleys, bars and ancient landscapes of a country: the insights of Christopher Tovo into his Italy.

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