



Genova  
Palazzo Ducale  
Fondazione per la Cultura



**“Shozo Shimamoto  
Samurai, acrobata dello sguardo  
1950-2008”**

**PERFORMANCE**

**giovedì 13 novembre 2008 ore 14, Piazza Matteotti**

On Novembre 13<sup>rd</sup> 2008, at 2.00 o' clock, Genoa Palazzo Ducale became the set of spectacular performance by japeense Master Shozo Shimamoto, organized by ABC-ARTE.

During the same day, the exhibition “Shozo Shimamoto Samurai, tumbler of gaze: 1950-2008”, curated by Achille Bonito Oliva, opened in Villa Croce Contemporary Art Museum. The artist threw glasses and bottles full of colors upon a 10x10m canvas inside the entrance of the Palace.

The soundtrack of the performance was curated by the wellknown american composer Philip Corner: the fluxus artist, who joined many historical groups – such as Judson Dance Theater, Tone Roads Concerts, The Something Else Press, Sound Out of Silent Spaces, Frog Peak Composers' Collective, Experimental Intermedia Foundation – shared with Shimamoto the experimentation activity in both acoustic e visual field. Shimamoto's interest for this kind of research, far from being subjective, started from the material elements that form the work itself.

Corner, with the dancer Phoebe Neville, proposed a selection of tracks from his “Gong!” album, where acoustic variations are collected, studying the possibility of metallic instruments of making sound. The music was produced by a big bronze “tam-tam”, amplified inside the Palace.

The performance involved with its colored actions and its fascinatinf sonorities a big audience and the students of Università degli Studi di Genova.

Fluxus and Gutai, Corner e Shimamoto, art becoming life, life becoming sound and color, giving birth to an original and unique artistic experience.

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