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Andrea Collesano was born in Pontedera in November 1980. After completing his diploma, he went on to graduate in Painting at the Academy of Fine Arts, Florence, with a thesis in which he analysed the metaphoric and mythological figures in Bocklin's painting, paying particular attention to the zoomorphic part. He has lived and worked for several years in Forte dei Marmi. The marine element, nature and animals are his main source of inspiration. It pays particular attention to the animal world. His subjects range from small miniatures depicting tiny insects to large works, where whales and other mysterious creatures of the abyss reign. He loves drawing in ink on paper that he prepares himself, giving the material a flavour of ancient times and a feeling of melancholy serenity. The stains and the effects thus obtained from aging often become the starting point for creating his beasts. Inspired by the ancient, the lost and the old symbolic and naturalists' engravings, he tries to recreate the world that inhabits his mind.

Exhibitions

- 2019** Whoopart, Lugano Exhibition Center, Lugano, Switzerland, September 2019.
Des Oiseaux, Galleria Dell'Incisione, Brescia, Italy, February – March, 2019.
- 2018** Scope Miami Art Fair, Florida, USA, December, 2018.
Ephemeral Sea, Kuma Gallery, Marina di Scarlino, Italy, June – September, 2018.
Cetacea, Galleria Dell'Incisione, Brescia, Italy, May - July, 2018.
- 2017** 500 Angeli & Artisti, Reggia di Monza, Italy, December 2017 – January 2018.
Le Vostre Luci Piu' Belle, F-Light Festival, Museu di Firenze, Chiesa di San Lorenzo Italy, December 2017 – January 2018
Scope Miami Art Fair, Florida, USA, December, 2017.
Works x 5, Clark Gallery, Boston, USA, January – February 2017.
The Transcendent Tree, Pignano Art Gallery, Volterra, Italy, April – June 2017.
- 2016** Scope Miami Art Fair, Florida, USA, December, 2016.
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Contemporary Istanbul Art Fair, Turkey, November, 2015
Aqua, Hotel Le Ginestre, Porto Cervo, Costra Smeralda, Italy, August – November, 2015.
Collettiva Arte Contemporanea, Hotel Metropole, Taormina, Messina, Italy.
Supra Terram, Barbara Paci Galleria d'Arte, Pietrasanta, Lucca, Italy.
- 2014** Balene, Palazzo Isimbardi, Milan, Italy, 2014.
Contemporary Istanbul Art Fair, Turkey, November, 2014.
Art Toronto, Toronto International Art Fair, Toronto, Canada, 2014.

- 2013** Balene, Barbara Paci Galleria d'Arte, Pietrasanta, Lucca, Italy, 2013.
Off Contemporary Art Fair, Belagio, Brussels, 2013.
Art Nostra, Galleria L'Agostiniana, Piazza del Popolo, Roma, Italy, 2013.
Biennale del Disegno, Castello di Levizzano, Modena, 2013.
- 2012** La Chiave, Il Sogno e “Anima, Museo di Villa Bertelli, Forte dei Marmi, Lucca, Italy, 2012
AA Arte Accessibile, Palazzo Sole24ore, Milano, Italy, 2012.
Monaco Yacht Show, Montecarlo, Principato di Monaco, 2012.
Salone Nautico, Genova, Italy, 2012.
- 2010** Men, Beasts, Shackles and Myth, Straw Art Gallery, Jacksonville, Illinois, USA, 2010.
Incontri d'Arte, Showroom di Marco Balderi, Pietrasanta, Lucca, Italy, 2012.