

SIMPLE ADOPTION CERTIFICATE **human - limone - human**

The lemon garden project “Ai Limoni Del Futuro” is an artistic project born during the first lockdown in Belgium (due to the spread of Covid-19) wishing for future limoni. It was born as a form of collaboration between the artist Matteo De Blasio (matte) and a first small group of lemons of the future, based on care, intimacy as forms of knowledge and mutual commitment and support.

The first agreement consisted on :

Matte would have experimented a technique to transform the seeds contained in the lemon fruit into sprouting, rooting seeds.

Then he would have provided them regularly water, earth, a sunny position, music and the sound of his voice speaking with them, reading them poems and politically committed texts and would have listen to them to learn their language and their will.

The lemons of the future, on their hand, promised to initiate him to the secrets of the future, to teach him other forms of imagination and sensuality, to conform him with their slow, silent (to him) and constant growth, to inspire his fantasy with their shapes, showing unexpected directions, re-design the space of his room, giving him a stronger connection with the element earth and water, teaching their non-marketable values, encouraging him to listen more music, as to silence, listen to and taking nourishment from his sensual desire, and mainly to “walk” together toward an unconfined future.

(They agreed on these and other things step-by-step)

In short they engaged in an experimental proto-symbiotic relationship, which makes them now very necessary to each other and aims to grow further toward unpredictable interspecies futures.

Their common mediterranean origin, as their need for sun and hot relationship have been some of the reasons of their encounter. Many other agencies contributed anyway.

A generative mis-understanding due to the desire of collaboration beside of or thanks to language differences reinforced their union.

So, the common wish of future Limoni has been a glue, as an emergent product of their relationship.

It has found its form in a *spell-practice* which still accompanies the sprouting and spreading of the Garden.

The Garden expansion is a choreographic movement that nor matte, nor the lemons could do alone, through which matte asks other humans to engage with the Lemons of the Future.

The present document, born by the described collaboration, is an agreement between matte /first-garden care-keeper) and an adopter (new care-giver of a plant or slice of garden)
It is an experimental “adoption simple” (see Belgian law) form, which means it doesn’t completely cut the relations with the “family of origin”

As a person signing the adoption form you will engage with an experimental relationship with one or more lemon plants or lemon seeds (slice of garden).
The relationship is based on curiosity and experimentation with unedited forms of sensual care and re-drawing desires of futures.

You will provide to your slice (plant, plants or seeds) regular basic care, namely water and the best of the sun you can.

Moreover you will dare to listen to them and to express the joy that will come, and bravely follow the emergent movements.

The place where you will host your slice will become an extension of the Garden.
You'll be part of the Garden and the Garden will be part of you.*

As a new Garden care-giver you become responsible of a specific slice.
Nevertheless nothing prevent you from paying attention to the rest of the Garden extension and intervene directly or indirectly, materially or telepathically for its good growth.

A small printed map of the actual spread of the Garden comes with this document. It can help you to visualize the Garden. But after all it is only an overview_ with lemons many things happen immanently.

If you leave your contacts they could be used to facilitate the connection within the Garden and the sharing of informations.

The Garden is an experiment of vegetative imagination, tentacular and multi-dimensional expansion and collective intelligences.

Do not be afraid to use your skills and to learn new ones.

To become an adopter you will be asked to contribute for the adoption.

The contribution for adoption can be monetary (cash).

Nevertheless cash is dangerous and - beside distance and hygiene issues - it doesn't solve a shit.

It stays involved with capitalism, namely

Whatever "garden" you can access through money is always the same garden.

Since it is in the interest of the projects to develop forms of relationship other from capitalism and mainly based on exchange of care and pleasure, another form of commitment it is proposed:

It consists in a conversion of the number of euro in number of minutes of Limone.

The Limone will be documented and archived as signature and proof of commitment.

This form of contribution is the favorite one and it seems to develop an other-than-human alliance (kinship) between the gardeners.

Moreover, while in cash exchange you lose something (ex. 5€) and I earn that something, as I lose something (a plant from my garden) and you earn that something, in kiss exchanges - if consensual - we both lose and earn. We loose borders, distance, protection from each other,... we gain love, pleasure, knowledges, and protection of each other (mutual),... true, they are not values expendable on the market.

The plant (limone) in this case is not comparable in any way to an object exchanged for money (capitalistic abstraction of values). It becomes a hot-point of shared care, through which another care relationship is opened. Human - lemon - human.

You do not exchange money for the care. You give care, receive care, give care, receive care,
The gardens grow (sprout and spread).

The contract is open to other alternative proposal of exchange, which should anyway strengthen these values.

*If you decide to commit through the action of Limonare you will also join the correlated garden of oral flora and fauna, as it will join you.
(if you are doing the love spell we should make a separate agreement which will involve me, you the seeds and the recipient)



CON-SENSUAL FORM (prototype)

With this prototype con-sensual form you are asked to manifest your intention to engage in a responsible and pleasurable (experimental) relation with one plant, a slice of garden or an envelope of seeds.

You are also especially asked to formulate a specific practice of experimental care you will perform with your new friend.

[bare in mind: the first aim of the project is to heal a pandemic sickness - which affect humans since modern time (or at least a specific kind of human) - called "plant blindness", and that risks to compromise their existence. It consists in an extremely prevalent condition characterized by the growing inability to see or notice the plants in one's immediate environment, out of their "being part of the surrounding". I feel that this also affect the relations between humans themselves, but I do not have enough elements yet to argue]

So basically, to give attention to the plant will slowly helps you to prevent the growth of this disease.

If your engagement grows you could also invert the tendency.

Btw, the slowness of the process is a constitutive part of it, and it means to affect you.

If you feel like, to begin, you can chose a name to address to your lemon plant friend.

I, undersigned _____ (human being),

e-mail _____ whatsapp/telegram/phone

number _____ on (date) _____

at (place) _____

receive by matte (Garden care-giver)

an envelope of seeds of lemon of the future

a lemon of the future plant

other _____

I decide to address to it/them with the name : _____

it/they will grow next to my care at (address) _____

I express my intention/motivation to engage in this special human/non-human relation, tending to proto-symbiotic

and I imagine a practice of experimental care, which I formulate here:

Beside this, I am committed to providing water, sun and love with continuity personally and equally when I am absent.

I am open to receive the known and above all the unknown future benefits of this relationship.

I engage in an affective and erotic relationship, aware that this could transform my human idea of affectivity and eros.

I am committed to learn and practice Limone.

And to facilitate the connection with the rest of the Garden

chosen adoption contribution:

5€
(single plant)

10€
(seeds envelope)

5' Limone
(single plant)

10' Limone
(seeds envelope)

other _____

I am aware that this behavior could cause me problems with the existing capitalist relationships between humans and between humans and non-humans, it could be hindered by other relationships that I have.

For example, I could be considered mad, naive, useless, even criminal, dangerous anti-science.

For this I cultivate together with the green thumb the raised middle finger (which Chinese medicine calls "heart protector" or "master of the heart")

with pleasure

(the adopter)

(the conceiver of the project and first Garden care-giver)