

"PORTA DI LAMPEDUSA – PORTA D'EUROPA"

MEMORIAL TO THE MIGRANTS DIED AT SEA

Amani, Arnaldo Mosca Mondadori, Alternativa Giovani and the Koinonia Community are happy to join forces to promote the project of the memorial, the first one in Europe dedicated to the migrants who died or went missing at sea. The acclaimed Italian artist Mimmo Paladino created a five meters high and three metres large door made of black refractory baked clay.

The door stands as a reminder of the last twenty years during which thousands of migrants died at sea under inhumane circumstances trying to reach Europe: it is a massacre without witnesses and, very often, without burial and without mercy.

The memorial is a symbol and will help the next generations who visit Lampedusa to remember these migrants. It is a symbol that will encourage people to carry out a reflection.

On June 28th 2008 the memorial of Lampedusa will be unveiled. Mimmo Paladino, Arnaldo Pomodoro, Pietro Coletta, Claudio Baglioni, Lucio Dalla, Luca Carboni, Eleonora Giorgi, Marco Alemanno and Ginestra Paladino will participate to the ceremony.

The same day, thanks to the economic support of the *Pro Loco association of Lampedusa*, of *Amani*, and of *Holding Turismo*, the restored *Obelisk Cassodoro* of *Arnaldo Pomodoro* will be given back to the city and to the main square of Lampedusa.

A very special thanks goes to the *Comune di Lampedusa*, that approved this project unanimously, and to all the citizens of the island who demonstrated a great spirit of understanding and responsibility.

The project "*Porta di Lampedusa - Porta d'Europa*" has been carried out under the patronage of the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees – Italian Office*, the *Italian Ministry of Internal Affairs*, the *International Organization for Migration (IOM-OIM)*, the *Regione Sicilia*, the *Regione Puglia* the *Municipality of Milan* and in cooperation with *Collegio di Milano*, *Fondazione O' Scia*, *Ceramica Gatti*, *Michelangelo Lombardi Costruzioni Srl* and *Holding Turismo*.