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# Milan: Masèlleria becomes Pop-Up Building

The Milanese space completely transformed for the first time into an artistic installation.

Project by artist *Daniel González*

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Marsèlleria permanent exhibition temporary transformed itself into Pop-Up Building Milan, the external intervention by artist **Daniel González** (<http://daniel-gonzalez.com/>), which was presented to the public on September 16th. For the first time the building hosting the Milanese space has been target of an artistic installation, its physiognomy was transformed completely, becoming a massive architecture animated by González: a cardboard fairy tale, a dynamic structure inspired by children pop-up books, a play of unexpected shapes appearing as a surprise.

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**Pop-Up Building Milan** (<http://daniel-gonzalez.com/portfolio-items/pop-up-building-milan-marselleria-milan-2015/?portfolioID=306>)

is an architectural model gone crazy, a surreal monument breaking into the urban context. By interacting with its surroundings, Pop-Up Building Milan creates a world of innocence within a possible reality. It is an idea that lives just for a fleeting moment, the time to turn the page of a book.

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Making direct reference to the ephemeral Baroque architectures by Bernini built to make a maximum impact in a short life span, Daniel González developed Pop-Up Building Milan following a series of temporary architectural interventions: in "Pop-Up Building" (2010) Arminius Church in Rotterdam was transformed into a gigantic pop-up book 35 meters high for Witte de With Festival; "Pop-Up Museo Disco Club" (New York 2011) was a special project for the Biennale of El Museo, The (S) Files, where a sculpture-installation transformed El Museo del Barrio's 5th Avenue facade and its lobby into a six month long block party.

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In Pop-Up Building Milan González employed new techniques such as the Japanese kirigami, cutout and folded lines coming out from the bi-dimensional space of the cardboard sheet, to represent local renowned landmarks like the Pirellone skyscraper, Lambrate quarter industries, the Torre Velasca, Escher's paradoxes and impossible buildings' projects.

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Pop-Up Building Milan was on show until the end of October. See it again in the gallery above.

*Installation:* Pop-Up Building Milan

*Date:* September – October 2015

*Place:* Marsèlleria Permanent Exhibition, via Paullo 12a,  
Milan **[www.marselleria.org](http://www.marselleria.org) (<http://www.marselleria.org/>)**

*Dimension:* 250 square meters environmental dimension

*Materials:* cardboard, varnish, adhesive tape, zip ties, electrical engines

*Production manager:* Elena Girelli

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*Photography:* Carola Merello

*Video:* courtesy of the artist & Marsèlleria

*Pop-Up Building soundtrack:* Anna Galtarossa, Federica Perazzoli

*Pop-Up Building construction team:* Daniel González, Elena Girelli, Josè Castro Ruiz, Mirko Rizzi, Luca Panizzo, Umberto Faggin, Mattia Capelletti, Daniele Innamorato, Matteo Marsili, Mariano Pichler, Giuditta Sala

**Daniel González** was born in Argentina in 1963, he lives and works between Berlin and New York. His work results from researches into celebration rites and cross-boundaries and it takes the form of public projects, sequined banner-painting and wearable

oneoff pieces shown in high-impact performances. González creates irrational and energetic worlds, areas of freedom in which existing conventions collapse.



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