

## 'Invisible sculpture' by Italian artist sells for Rs 13.36 lakh at auction

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Italian artist Salvatore Garau's invisible sculpture 'Io Sono', which translates to "I am", was sold for Rs 13.3 lakh at an auction in Italy last month.



Remember the duct-taped banana that was sold for Rs 85 lakh? Well, another bizarre artwork was recently auctioned and it fetched €15,000 (over Rs 13.3 lakh).

An Italian artist recently managed to auction an "invisible sculpture" that is literally made of nothing. Salvatore Garau, 67, auctioned the artwork that does not exist. The 'invisible sculpture' was estimated to be sold between €6,000-9,000.

Garau said that the artwork titled 'Io Sono', which translates to "I am", has its significance in nothingness. It went up for sale in May at the Italian auction house Art-Rite.

"The vacuum is nothing more than a space full of energy, and even if we empty it and there is nothing left, according to the Heisenberg uncertainty principle, that nothing has a weight. Therefore, it has energy that is condensed and transformed into particles, that is, into us," Garau told Spanish news outlet *Diario AS*.

The buyer of 'invisible sculpture' went home with a certificate of authenticity and a set of instructions from Garau which said that the work must be exhibited in a private house in a roughly five-by-five-foot space free of obstruction.

"When I decide to 'exhibit' an immaterial sculpture in a given space, that space will concentrate a certain amount and density of thoughts at a precise point, creating a sculpture that, from my title, will only take the most varied forms," the artist said.

If you're thinking that the artwork holds no value, Garau said, "After all, don't we shape a God we've never seen?"

In fact, "Io Sono" isn't Garau's first invisible sculpture. In February, he exhibited Buddha in Contemplation, a similar invisible sculpture demarcated by a square of tape on a cobble-stoned walkway at the Piazza Della Scala in Milan.



This week, he installed Afrodite Cries in front of the New York City stock exchange. Netizens didn't seem impressed with the 'invisible sculpture'.

One user asked, "So you really just taped a square and called that a sculpture?" Another said, Not sure what this is but the circle looks like the social distancing circles that are now being used in parks! Did you give them the idea?"