



The studio **Ercoli+Garlandini**is a hotbed of practical,
amusing and sustainable **ideas**,
intertwining projects useful
for **body** and **mind** 

4. DITOSAURI, COMMUNICATION PROJECT TO ENCOURAGE REUSE OF SNACK CONTAINERS: SIMPLE AND FUN IDEAS, EXPLAINED BY TUTORIALS AND ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS AT THE WEBSITE OF MULINO BIANCO. DESIGN STEFANO CASTIGLIONI, SEBASTIANO ERCOLI AND ALESSANDRO GARLANDINI - ILVESPAIO, 2019. 5. ACTION 2 AIR, INTERACTIVE MURALS MADE WITH PHOTOCATALYTIC SMOG-EATER PAINTS IN THE SCUOLA PRIMARIA VALLI OF BERGAMO, DESIGN STEFANO CASTIGLIONI, SEBASTIANO ERCOLI AND ALESSANDRO GARLANDINI - ILVESPAIO, A2A AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF BERGAMO, 2019.

## ECO & UNIVERSAL DESIGN

In this century, or perhaps always, design is an elastic organism, like the heart. It contracts and expands, beats and gets excited, in a single, universal rhythm. Just take Alessandro Garlandini and Sebastiano Ercoli, both born in 1982, Industrial Design grads at the Milan Polytechnic, who have worked together for about ten years, operating

in various directions. Garlandini teaches Product Design at NABA, specializes in small appliances and is the founder of ilVespaio, a network of professionals focusing on eco-design and 360-degree sustainability. Ercoli, also with a degree from the Alta Scuola Politecnica of Turin, focuses on products, 3D graphics, web design and everything having to do with universal design. Since 2010 he too is part of ilVespaio, which also includes Stefano Castiglioni, graphic designer and founder, Clara Giardina, designer, Luca Orioli, videomaker, and Alberto Crespi, educator.

Part of their work involves technical products, with a severe but never depressing appearance, like fan coil units or fan heaters; another part addresses development of an educational kit for elementary schools on the gathering and recycling of plastic,



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games, differentiated based on the age of the children, with a website offering information on the properties of plastic and video tutorials on reuse of packaging; a third part regards murals made with photocatalytic smog-eater paints for a school. Their clients are small and big companies, public institutions, private organizations, utilities, consortia: this too is a sign of the elasticity of today's design, and the variety of forms of expertise it requires. The focus on sustainability is clear, along with playfulness and the desire to be as accessible and affordable as possible... if not for everyone, at least for many! At first there were just two, but then the



1. RADICAL TWIN, CERAMIC HEATING FAN, FREESTANDING OR WALL-MOUNTED, WINNER OF THE GOOD DESIGN AWARD 2014. DESIGN SEBASTIANO ERCOLI AND ALESSANDRO GARLANDINI FOR **OLIMPIA SPLENDID 2.** 12 AIR, SLIM INVERTER FOR HEATING, COOLING, DEHUMIDIFYING AND FILTERING AIR, FOR INSTALLATION ON THE FLOOR, WALL OR CEILING; SELECTED FOR THE ADI DESIGN INDEX 2019. DESIGN SEBASTIANO ERCOLI AND ALESSANDRO GARLANDINI FOR OLIMPIA SPLENDID. 3. TOYSSIMI, A PROJECT OF ILVESPAIO AND SCUOLA TAM TAM, WITH 100 CHILDREN AND 100 DESIGNERS INVOLVED IN THE CREATION OF TOYS DURING WORKSHOPS HELD IN THE PEDIATRIC WARDS OF VARIOUS HOSPITALS, IN FAMILY HOMES AND SCHOOLS, 2015. PHOTO GIANLUCA DI 101A - LA TRIENNALE. 4. ONE4ALL, STATION WITH TABLES FOR PACKAGING OF STERILE MATERIALS IN HOSPITALS, BY SEBASTIANO ERCOLI AND ALESSANDRO GARLANDINI FOR **GANDUS**, 2018.







ranks expanded and intertwined, the brainstorming sessions bore fruit, becoming a grand wasps' nest (vespaio, in Italian). In the Toyssimi project, 100 designers create 100 toys for 100 hospitalized kids. Not by chance, they have won the Premio Sterminata Bellezza of Legambiente. ■ Virginio Briatore



5. CALDO CIRCLE, A FAMILY OF FAN HEATERS
WITH MODULAR BASES, BY SEBASTIANO
ERCOLI AND ALESSANDRO GARLANDINI,
OLIMPIA SPLENDID, 2018. 6. DA COSÌ A COSÀ,
COMMUNICATION PROJECT OF GRANAROLO
FOR THE REUSE OF PACKAGING. SEBASTIANO
ERCOLI AND ALESSANDRO GARLANDINI ILVESPAIO, 2018. 7. DOLCECLIMA 12 HP P,
PORTABLE CLIMATE CONTROL UNIT; UP TO 2.7
KW OF POWER IN CLASS A+ (HEATING) AND
WITH R290 NATURAL REFRIGERATION GAS FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. DESIGN
SEBASTIANO ERCOLI AND ALESSANDRO
GARLANDINI, OLIMPIA SPLENDID, 2017.

