

Basic Detail Report

Indiani Metropolitani protest on the street

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Indiani Metropolitani (Metropolitan Indians) were a small faction active in the Italian far-left protest movement during 1976 and 1977, in the so-called "Years of Lead". A similar approach was called Stadtindianer (urban red Indians) in Germany, during the German Autumn. The apex of the movement took place in 1976 and 1977, and manifested itself with urban guerrilla activity, and occupations of universities, high schools and factories. The Indiani Metropolitani were the so-called creative wing of the movement. Its adherents wore face-paint like the war-paint of Native Americans and dressed like hippies. The emphasis was on "stare insieme" (be together), spontaneity and the arts, especially music. The group was active in Rome, during the occupation of the university La Sapienza in 1977. The most famous episode of the period was the protest against a speech of left-wing union leader Luciano Lama, which ended in a riot with Lama and his supporters chased away.

Dimensions

Overall: 20.5 x 30.4 cm (8 1/8 x 12 in.)