

The MAC VAL is ten years old

Val-de-Marne Comptemporary Art Museum 2005-2015

MAC VAL

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Shared pride

Day after day, the Departmental Council of Val-de-Marne works hard to deal with the pressing social problems engendered by the economic crisis. It develops locally based public policies designed to reinject a measure of equality into our fractured society. In matters of culture, too, we have chosen equality. Equality that raises the level, in the form of artistic excellence for all. Because access to the imagination and the distribution of the sensible are vital to the emancipation of all people.

Artists explore new directions that broaden the field of possibility. They find unknown paths whose importance we do not always recognise. "That's ridiculous" is what people sometimes used to say about Monet, Picasso or Calder. Today, it's more likely to be, "That's not art." And yet, whatever the odds, we must strive to ensure that these vital pathbreakers are given the tools they need to invent and create freely. This support for today's artists was one of the founding principles of the MAC VAL. That was our goal, and we achieved it.

This recognition also had to be integrated into the reality of our Department. It was important that everyone, whatever their origin or social status, could have direct experience of contemporary artworks. A way had to be opened up that was accessible to all. The MAC VAL is a bridge. That is one more reason why we created it.

Another challenge we wanted to meet was to put our great department in the spotlight, so that Valde-Marne would no longer play just a supporting role to the "City of Light." Locating a contemporary art museum in one of the most working class territories in Île-de-France meant rejecting the technocratic hierarchy of territories that some are always eager to impose. We did it, and we were right. In a few years from now, a station on line 15 of the Métro, a project we worked hard to push through, will serve the MAC VAL and make it even more central to its fast-changing environment.

This brochure speaks on behalf of these unusual choices, of this unique cultural adventure, and of the dignity of everyone in Val-de-Marne who has supported it. Entering the MAC VAL, and looking back over the last ten years, our Department and its people can take legitimate pride in what has been achieved. Our thanks to Alexia Fabre and to the entire team for the great work done over this decade.

Christian Favier Senator Chairman of the Departmental Council of Val-de-Marne

To be actively part of our times

The MAC VAL opened to the public in November 2005. This year, then, marks the museum's tenth birthday. It is still youthful but has been around for long enough to have become part of the local landscape, and to have acquired its own story over time.

The MAC VAL is a marvellous tool for dialogue between artists and the public. For ten years now, the museum team has been inventing and experimenting with what constitutes its very reason for being: making connections between the artworks of our times and the public, so that everyone can weave new relations with the world thanks to the visions offered by artists.

Today, more than ever, when we doubt and stumble before the chaos of the world, it is important to argue that art is and must remain a utopia and a territory with multiple facets, rich with the diversity that is its strength. The artists of our time are in effect drawing a completely unprecedented, adventurous landscape, which we are invited to explore, with an unquenchable desire – like explorers of art – to make wonderful discoveries. Each one, in their own way, with their personal history, their past, their vision of art and their visual vocabulary, brings us their relation to the world, their way of inhabiting it, dealing with it and transforming it.

With them, today, we are taking new paths, we are going to trace new trajectories, discover still unexplored territories, and be actively part of our times.

Alexia Fabre Head curator of MAC VAL

It is thanks to the determination of the councillors of Val-de-Marne to see through this bold project, to speak to the pride and dignity of the women and men for whom art was sometimes only a remote reality, that the museum opened in 2005. Within one of the culturally most richly endowed regions in the world, as regards both its heritage and its museums, the MAC VAL is to art what the suburbs are to Paris: a space of diversity, or richness, of multiplicity and of innovation – art and society in the same movement.

museum for all

The MAC VAL is the only museum to specialise in contemporary art in France from the 1950s to the present. And because it is a museum of contemporary art, it is constantly dealing with new issues, taking risks, building a heritage with recent works, with young artists notyet "recognised" by the market, but who deserve to be shared by all.

The MAC VAL is itself an act of daring, a wager by the Department in favour of the universal right to culture and artistic excellence. It illustrates the conviction of the Departmental Council of Val-de-Marne and its Chairman from 1976 to 2001, Michel Germa, upheld by his successor Christian Favier, that support for art designed resolutely for all publics makes a contribution to individual fulfilment, to knowledge of others, to mutual respect and to social cohesion.

Ten years of a collection ever closer to the art of the times

A museum is constituted first and foremost by a collection. The identity of the one at MAC VAL reflects the Department's support contemporary creation. The Museum develops unique, deep-reaching relations with its artists, always giving them the means to create in the best possible conditions and to write their lines in the ongoing history of art.

Every collection of contemporary art is a collection on the move, one that is constantly developing.

"L'Effet Vertigo," exhibition of works from the collection, MAC VAL,

"L'Effet Vertigo," exhibition of works from the collection, MAC VAL, 2015. Foreground, Laura Lamiel, *Qui parle ainsi* se *disant moi*?, 2013. Photo © Marc Domage.

From the origins of the FDAC...

The museum collection was founded in 1982 with the creation of the departmental collection of contemporary art, or Fonds Départemental d'Art Contemporain, the main objective of which was to support artists. The collection developed with a pluralist outlook, open to the world and attentive to the diversity of the territory's artistic population.

The painting collection covers the great movements of lyrical abstraction (Hans Hartung, Pierre Soulages), geometrical abstraction from the Second World War to optical and lumino-kinetic art (Alberto Magnelli, Jesús Rafael Soto, Robert Julius Jacobsen, Julio Le Parc), works organised around colour, Nouveau Réalisme and its numerous representatives (Raymond Hains, Jacques Villeglé, Arman, César, Nikos, Jiří Kolář, Roman Cieslewicz, Jean Tinguely), Supports/Surfaces (Claude Viallat, Bernard Pagès, Christian Jaccard) and artists interrogating the materiality of the artwork, Nouvelle Figuration (Peter Stämpfli, Erró, Antonio Seguí, Peter Klasen, Jacques Monory, Bernard Rancillac, Gilles Aillaud), but also young artists opening up new paths for contemporary research (Philippe Favier, Denis Laget, Gérard Traquandi, Sean Scully, Christophe Cuzin, Antoine Perrot).

This collection places great emphasis on French artists and foreign artists working in France. The sculpture collection (Germaine Richier, Jean Clareboudt, Jean Tinguely, Anthony Caro, Claude Viseux) also reflect modern and contemporary experiments in representation and with traditional techniques.

Finally, the collection includes photography (Jacques Faujour, Sabine Weiss, François Despatin, Christian Gobeli) and an ensemble of prints commissioned from artists.

Today, the MAC VAL is fully integrated into France's artistic landscape, with its 2,200 works representing some 400 artists. By virtue of the choices and selections it makes, the museum is creating a heritage and a history of art.

The MAC VAL was, for example, the first museum to acquire works by Tatiana Trouvé, back in 2002. This artist is now recognised on the international scene and exhibits internationally (MAMCO, Geneva, Kunstmuseum Bonn). Her works, too, are held by international museums (Centre Pompidou, Mudam Luxembourg, Migros Museum, Zurich and Hamburg Kunstverein). The MAC VAL was also one of the first museums

^{...} to the present: the MAC VAL collection



"Avec et sans peinture," exhibition of works from the collection, MAC VAL, 2014. Foreground, Rainier Lericolais, *Forma*, 2010. Photo © Marc Domage.

to acquire for its public collection works by such artists as Valérie Jouve, Bertille Bak, Alain Bublex, Cyprien Gaillard and Anri Sala.

The MAC VAL collection is public. Unlike a private collection, therefore, it is shaped by a concern for representativeness and didacticism. It is guided not by personal taste or opinions but by expertise and scholarly knowledge, balancing a number of criteria and supervised by the Ministry of Culture and Communication.

Ten years of exhibiting works from the collection, as if telling a story

To give the public a chance to see all its works, the Museum offers regularly renewed exhibitions which are conceived as coherent sequences.

From the start, these thematic hangings have been conceived so as to offer connections with people's everyday experience – point of convergence with those who might think of themselves as, in principle, distanced from the history of art. Given the youth of the collection, this approach also makes it possible to delineate a history of art that is non-linear and multiple.

The frequent changes of hanging provides a way of responding to current events and ranging across varied subjects, both art historical and societal: painting today ("Avec et sans peinture"), exile ("Je reviendrai"), memory ("Nevermore, souvenir, souvenir, que me veux-tu ?") and the future ("Vivement demain"). No art resonates more closely with the present than contemporary art, which uses the very forms of its time to offer a critical reflection that is sometimes realist, often poetic and distanced. Today, more than ever, artists react to the reality of the times.

Visitors are regularly invited to meet the artists at these exhibitions. Like windows onto the world, these events create a new dialogue between the artists and the collection.

Ten years of temporary exhibitions — Ten years of events

Temporary exhibitions are part of the museum project. With a dedicated space of 1,350 square metres, they are significant and widely remarked artistic events that punctuate the life of the museum and its collection.

Spotlighting the collection

These exhibitions highlight the art being made today. They are a way of prolonging, focusing and extending the collection around projects linked to the featured artists, but also around new artists brought into relation to the collection.

Most of the solo shows feature artists whose work is already in the collection, such as Jacques Monory, Claude Lévêque, Claude Closky, Christian Boltanski, Ange Leccia and Tania Mouraud, or artists who have subsequently entered it, such as Fabrice Hyber, Noël Dolla and Esther Ferrer.

This perspective on the collection also sets out to position the museum on the international scene, in order to develop fruitful dialogues between French and international art. The museum aims to make visible and valorise themes shared by the young artists in the collection with international figures, so as to illuminate French interaction with the global scene.

The MAC VAL also invites widely recognised artists from abroad. The first French exhibitions in a museum by Simon Starling (2009) and Jesper Just (2012) are recognised high points in the history of the museum so far.

Spotlighting artists

The temporary exhibitions programme also helps support and promote young artists who have not always achieved full recognition on the market.

The idea of each invitation is to ask the artist to invent a new project specially for the MAC VAL, combining a retrospective view of their work with a keen sense of their present direction. This is one of the great specificities of this museum, which always engages in a permanent dialogue with the artist, giving them the chance both to reread their work and to create one or several new pieces for the exhibition. What the Museum shows is thus a singular project.

Thematic exhibitions echo the realities of the contemporary world and question the values that govern it, through the visions of artists. Among the issues evoked we find the dominance of economy, (over)production, resistance and denial of privacy, or, more poetically, the individual's relation to what is beyond their grasp: space, amorous passion, masculine identity, etc. These are very human subjects. The singular experience and expression of each artist unfailingly questions the position of the individual in society.

Ten years of an original multidisciplinary cultural programme

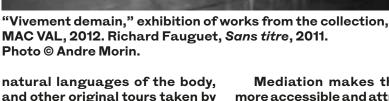
Offbeat, singular and polyphonic, the artistic and cultural programming at the MAC VAL is founded on the will to comprehensively broaden the experience of art, to multiply encounters with living creation and extend the modalities of discourse on artworks.

Every first Sunday of the month, in relation to the temporary exhibition and current hanging of the collection, the museum teams offer a program of discussions, performances, projections and "invented tours."

These tours offer novel angles on the artworks. They are achieved thanks to the presence of the artists, architects, writers, poets or cooks involved, but also to the expert words of theoreticians and philosophers. They parallel the workshops and family screenings carried out by the guest artists. On-site performances slip into the museum spaces and shift the way we see and think about the works and the architecture.

The museum's cinema and audiovisual programme is conceived as an accompaniment to the works for all publics, whether children, adolescents, adults and families.

The aim of the multidisciplinary approach is to multiply the meanings of the works, but also to demonstrate the extent to which contemporary art is grounded in different aspects of modern life, and thus to invite visitors to speak out on subjects that are more generally shared. By approaching art in other ways, along less conventional paths, by relating it to other, more common and sometimes even everyday subjects, as with gustatory tours, tours in the



and other original tours taken by experts in all kinds of fields. By placing the public at the heart of the process of discovering the works.

Ten years of total focus on visitors

After ten years of activity and experience, MAC VAL is recognised in Val-de-Marne and nationally in France as a reference point, the showcase of the Department. Visitor numbers confirm that the public has made this amenity and the way it presents art very much its own. It is on the basis of this criterion, in relation to other indicators, that the MAC VAL has been positioned in the top ten of the annual listing of museums in medium-size towns drawn up by *Le Journal des Arts*.

The MAC VAL has put openness at the heart of its project, whether in its approach (mixing culture, education and art), activities (free tours, workshops, performances) or its discourse.

Its ambition is to welcome and accompany visitors as they encounter the works in a more friendly, less intimidating environment than big museum institutions. Mediation makes this place more accessible and attractive to those who own it – the public – and offers them new experiences and ideas. Its role is to make "the works talk to everyone," thanks to personal accompaniment that opens up familiar paths by means of a multidisciplinary approach, with guided tours open to all, without reservation. Some 75% of school groups are accompanied on their visit by a guide.

Mediation plays a dominant role in the MAC VAL's didactic actions and hosting of groups (mainly schools, but also cultural centres, day centres and neighbourhood associations). This major aspect of our work helps us bring in young visitors and encourage them to return. Over the first ten years of the Museum's existence, many youngsters who made their first visit in a school group later came back on their own or with friends.

The outreach team devotes part of its action to teenage school students and individual visitors. Reflecting the population of the Department, museum attendances show a high proportion of individual visitors under 25.

Naturally, artists occupy a privileged position in the museum, which solicits and records their thoughts and forms of expression in many different ways. The content is always new and surprising, whether it be their own works,





"Etre présent au monde," exhibition of works from the collection, MAC VAL, 2007. Left, Bruno Perramant, *Love Story n°2*, 2004. Right, Alain Jacquet, *Camouflage Vénus noire*, 1964. Photo © Marc Domage.

their comments and interpretations with regard to the works of other artists.

One of the principles of the Museum is to translate and interpret works by artists into other media. Hangings of the collection and temporary shows are thus always accompanied by filmed interviews, which are included in the exhibition sequences, on show in the galleries next to the works. In this way the artists themselves inhabit the space: we see their face, their age, their presence. The audio guides are changed regularly to provide commentary different artistic propositions, and on these the artists speak directly to visitors, in their own voice. These guide are available free of charge at the museum reception area.

Artist's book workshops

Today, the resource centre welcomes large numbers of groups (crèches, day centres, schools, etc.) both to train them how to use it and to help them discover contemporary art via books ("A book, a work" tours). The artist's books workshops held regularly for families help bring other kinds of visitors into the museum.

Reaching out to impeded visitors

It is generally accepted that to bring in visitors, you also have to reach out to them. The MAC VAL develops projects in connection with works created for schools and public spaces in the Department, and runs programmes for impeded visitors, whether in hospitals, retirement homes or prison (Fresnes). It also organises artist's residencies in schools.

Symposiums

Symposiums conceived as cultural and artistic events are held twice a year. Addressing what are strategic issues for museums today ("Can art do without commentary?" "Participation," etc.), their papers and discussions are published in book form.

Ten years of residencies for artists from all over the world

Artists are regularly invited to work on projects in the museum and thus to enrich the regional art scene. They are given several weeks in one of the two studios/ living spaces in the museum. This residency programme continues the Department's tradition of welcoming foreign artists, and often collaborates with local civic structures. It gives visible form to the analogy with the territory of the museum, which is made up of populations of diverse origin, living together as a community in

a shared territory. Regularly organised in partnership with the Institut Français-French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, these residencies benefit from their participation in national events with international scope.

The residences are also part of the Department's international cooperation policy. Recently, two years of residences were thus dedicated to South Africa and Vietnam.

In addition, they provide the opportunity to develop links with other institutions, such as the Festival d'Automne, and with the international art scene.

Ten years of support to art in the city

The Department of Val-de-Marne is noteworthy for the priority that its towns give to art in public space. To this end, the Department uses the collection of works produced under the 1% law (stipulating that 1% of the budget in public construction projects be invested in artworks).

This legally defined procedure is piloted by the Museum, which provides expertise, in close cooperation with the specific bodies in charge of the work in question. The Museum is responsible for setting up the artistic committee in accordance with the law, and bringing in and consulting experts. It works with the artists chosen by the commission in their relations with those directing the architectural project during the period of gestation and creation of the work.

So far, some 80 artworks have been installed in schools, often created as part of educational and cultural projects carried out with the staff. These provide a way of introducing or reintroducing students to the creative process as they discover the artworks.

The MAC VAL programme actively occupies public squares, schools, hospitals and prisons, creating urban itineraries that united the public and artists in the same movement and energy.

Ten Years of Exhibitions

Occupation # 1 22 – 24 octobre 2004 Jean-Luc Bichaud Joël Hubaut Bertrand Lamarche Marylène Negro Pierre Petit Nathalie Talec Tsuneko Taniuchi Timeline

2005

Didier Courbot Occupation # 2 February – October 2005

Claude Closky "Soucoupe volante, 1996 – 2005"

Occupation # 3, June 2005

"Parcours # 1 – Inauguration" First exhibition of works from the collection Starting 18 October 2005

Jacques Monory "Détours" 18 November 2005 – 26 March 2006

Vincent Madame Concert – performance Occupation # 5, November 2005

Didier Rittener Poster and wall drawing Occupation # 5, November 2005

Gwen Rouvillois "Vitrophanie transversale" Occupation # 6, November 2005

2006

Claude Lévêque "Le grand Sommeil" 19 May – 10 September 2006

L.A. Branisch (Stéphane Laporte, Davide Balula, Olivier Lamm) Performance Occupation #7, 20 May 2006

Vedette (Fanny Adler + Renaud Rudloft) Concert Occupation #7, 20 May 2006 "Zones de **Productivités** Concertées #1" **Daniel Chust** Peters, Nicolas Floc'h, Sheena Macrae, Jonathan Monk, François Paire, **Claude Rutault** 13 October 2006 -14 January 2007

Pollo Loco (Stephen Dean et Anne Deleporte) Occupation # 8, October 2006

Sylvain Soussan Occupation # 9, October 2006 – August 2007

2007

"Zones de Productivités Concertées # 2 – Homo economicus" Sandy Amerio, Alain Bernardini, Raphaël Boccanfuso, Daniel Firman, Élodie Lesourd, Pascal Pinaud 2 February – 29 April 2007

"Être présent au monde" Second exhibition of works from the collection Starting 2 February 2007

Shilpa Gupta Artist in residence

Kimsooja Artist in residence

Cécile Paris "Itinéraire bis" Occupation # 10, February - April 2007

"Zones de Productivités Concertées #3-Entreprises singulières" Francis Baudevin, Serge Lhermitte, Arnaud Maguet, Pierre Petit, Jérôme Saint-Loubert Bié. Stefan Shankland. Simon Starling, Tatiana Trouvé 20 May – 26 August 2007

"Stardust ou la dernière frontière" 5 October 2007 – 13 January 2008

2008

Mark Wallinger "State Britain" 29 February – 22 June 2008

Claude Closky "8002 -9891" 28 March – 22 June 2008

Pirjetta Brander "Village" 18 May – 7 July 2008 Artist in residence

Adel Abidin "Assume" 18 May – 7 July 2008 Artist in residence

"Toute la collection du Frac Île-de-France (ou presque)" 4 July – 31 August 2008

"Je reviendrai" Third exhibition of works from the collection Starting 10 October 2008

Nathalie Talec "Nathalie Talec" 10 October 2008 – 25 January 2009

Melik Ohanian "FROM THE VOICE TO THE HAND" 10 October 2008 – 5 January 2009

Michel de Broin "Énergie réciproque" Artist in residence

Gwen Rouvillois «Vitres/Vitry» Occupation # 11, 2008

2009

Noël Dolla "Léger vent de travers" 6 March – 2 August 2009

Alain Bublex "Nocturne" 6 March – 7 June 2009

Veit Stratman "Au MAC/VAL" 27 June 2009 – May 2010

Éric Hattan "Into the white" 27 June – 1 November 2009

Inci Eviner "Nouveau Citoyen" 27 June 2009 – September 2009 Artist in residence

Simon Starling "THEREHERE-THENTHERE» (Œuvres 1997 – 2009) 18 Septembre – 27 December 2009

Bernard Moninot "La mémoire du Vent" 18 September – 27 Decembre 2009

Mohamed Camara "L'eau" Artist in residence

2010 Laurent Prexl "Poésure et Sculptrie" Occupation # 12, January 2010 Christian Boltanski "Après" 15 January – 28 March

2010

"Douce dérive" 11 March – May 2010

Angelika Markul "Salon noir" 20 March – 26 April 2010

Mona Hatoum "Suspendu" Artist in residence

"Emporte-moi / Sweep me off my feet" 8 May – 19 September 2010

"Let's Dance" 22 October 2010 – 16 January 2011

"Nevermore" Fourth exhibition of works from the collection Starting 22 October 2010

Christian Jaccard "Ombre des brûlis" June 2010 – February 2012

Pierre Buraglio "Featuring" 22 October 2010 – 27 February 2011

Irina Korina "Quand les arbres paraissaient grands" Artist in residence

Alexei Kallima "Vous nous regardez, nous vous regardons" Artist in residence

2011

Éric Duyckaerts "'idéo" 5 March – 5 June 2011

"Itinéraire bis" 25 June – 18 Septembre 2011

Bertille Bak "Le tour du propriétaire" 25 June – 31 December 2011

Rémy Bosquère "Practice" 25 June – 31 October 2011

BGL "Spectacles + Problèmes" 22 October 2011 – 5 February 2012

Pedro Reyes "OuScuPo, Ouvroir de Sculpture Potentielle" 25 June – 31 December 2011 Artist in residence

Carlos Amorales "Supprimer, modifier et préserver" 22 October 2011 – February 2012 Artist in residence

Tomás Espina and Martin Cordiano "Dominio" 22 October 2011 – February 2012 Artists In residence "This Unknown Spectacle" 22 October 2011 – 5 February 2012

Jesper Just

2012

IFP "Le Théâtron des nuages" 10 March – 3 June 2012

"Vivement demain" Fifth exhibition of works from the collection Starting 10 March 2012

"Situation(s)" [48°47'34» N / 2°23'14» E] Johanna Billing Jakob Gautel Clarisse Hahn Matthieu Laurette Marcello Maloberti Melanie Manchot Frédéric Naucziciel Marylène Negro Tsuneko Taniuchi 30 June – 23 September 2012

Fabrice Hyber "Prototypes d'Objets en Fonctionnement (POF)" 20 October 2012 – 20 January 2013

Sanja Iveković "Visages du langage" Artist in residence

Igor Eškinja "Intérieur captivant ou actualité de la vie dans des univers non actuels" Artist in residence

2013

"Émoi & moi" Absalon Pierre Buraglio Pascal Convert Simon English Alexandre Gérard **Pierre Joseph** Joris Lacoste Laura Lamiel Dominik Lang Robert Malaval Annette Messager Daniel Pommereulle **Jean-Pierre** Ravnaud Tatiana Trouvé **Mark Wallinger** & Patrick Mario Bernard, Xavier **Brillat and Pierre** Trividic 23 February -19 May 2013

Charles Fréger "Wilder Mann" 23 February – 30 June 2013

Ange Leccia "Logical Song" 15 June – 22 September 2013

Dominique Blais "Les Grands Verres" 15 June – 27 October 2013

Renaud Auguste-Dormeuil "INCLUDE ME OUT" 26 October 2013 – 19 January 2014

Mikhael Subotzky "STUFF BARTA" 26 October 2013 – 26 January 2014 Artist in residence

Mary Sibande "The purple shall govern" 26 October 2013 – 26 January 2014 Artist in residence

Étienne Charry "Joder Loop" Occupation # 13, Octobre 2013

2014

"Avec et sans peinture" Sixth exhibition of works from the collection 15 February 2014 – 6 July 2015

Esther Ferrer "Face B. Image/ Autoportrait" 15 February – 13 July 2014

Ida Applebroog "Intime" 15 February – 18 May 2014

Halida Boughriet "Corps de masse" 14 June – 21 September 2014

Valérie Jouve "Cinq femmes du pays de la lune" 14 June 2014 – 4 January 2015

Nguyen Manh Hung "L'Avventura – Lãng Du" 14 June – 20 september 2014 Artist in residence

Jun Nguyen Hatsushiba "Don't we all want to be in tune?" 14 June – 20 September 2014 Artist in residence

Tania Mouraud "AD NAUSEAM" 20 septembre 2014 – 25 janvier 2015

2015

"Chercher le garçon" 7 March – 30 August 2015

"L'Effet Vertigo" Seventh exhibition of works from the collection Starting 24 October 2015 Yeondoo Jung "D'ici et d'ailleurs", 24 October 2015 – 6 March 2016 Artist in residence

François Morellet "Seven Corridors" 24 October 2015 – 6 March 2016

2016

Jean-Charles Massera "Less Men is More (Le Protocole de Pierric)" Occupation # 14, 4 March 2016 – 6 January 2017

Pierre Ardouvin "Tout est affaire de décor" 16 April – 4 September 2016

Jean-Luc Verna Starting 22 October 2016 AMERTUME

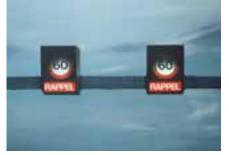
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Hicham Berrada, Rapport de lois universelles #2, 2013.



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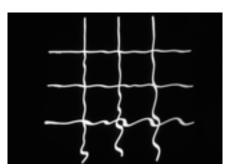
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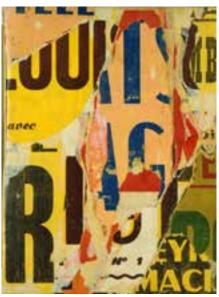
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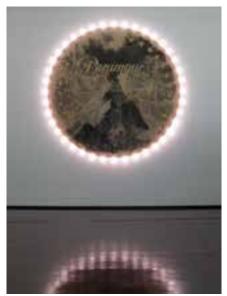
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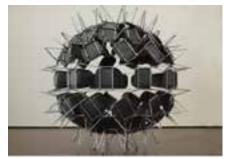
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François-Xavier Courrèges, *Another Paradise*, 2005.



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7 exhibitions of the collection since 2005

37 guest artists: Éric Hattan, Alain Bublex, Pierre Buraglio, Bertille Bak, Cécile Paris, Mark Wallinger, Angelika Markul, Bernard Moninot, Melik Ohanian, Veit Stratmann, Christian Jaccard, BGL, Rémy Bosquère, Dominique Blais, Ida Applebroog, Valérie Jouve, Halida Boughriet, etc.

29 temporary shows: 19 solo shows, 10 thematic and group shows

Nearly 400 artists exhibited, with solo shows by: Jacques Monory, Claude Lévêque, Claude Closky, Nathalie Talec, Noël Dolla, Fabrice Hyber, Christian Boltanski, Simon Starling, Jesper Just, Ange Leccia, IFP, Esther Ferrer, Tania Mouraud, François Morellet, etc.

21 artists in residence between 2007 and 2015

From 13 different countries (India, Korea, Finland, Canada, Turkey, Mexico, Argentina, Mali, Lebanon, Russia, Croatia, South Africa, Vietnam and South Korea). 25 works produced, of which 10 have entered the collection

7 editions of Parcours de la collection, 12 fictions, 9 museum chronicles

23 exhibition catalogues, 6 proceedings of symposiums 33 CQFD (Ce Qu'il Faut Découvrir): exhibitions of works in the collection, temporary exhibitions, architecture of the building, etc.

Over 140 cultural programmes per year since the opening

An average of twenty tours with outside contributors (invented tours – gustatory, tactile, etc.), some sixty workshops for young visitors ("Contemporary art making," summer "Doors of time" operation, etc.), some fifteen performances, choreographies, talks, readings, etc. Nearly 60% of these visitors are from Val-de-Marne (and 60% of them are from Vitry itself). The Museum has built up a faithful, affectionate public, but its reputation has also extended beyond this local perimeter, resulting in two inventions from the artistic directors of La Nuit Blanche in Paris (2009 and 2011), and numerous participations in symposiums and other events, all raising the profile of the Museum and its action.

Nearly 300.000 student and school group visitors since the opening

Including 50,000 secondary school students 70% of groups with guided tours

Resource centre: 27.000 books, journals and audiovisual documents

2500 artwork and artist information packs and 500 archive and documentation packs



"Parcours #1–Inauguration," exhibition of works from the collection, MAC VAL, 2005. Photo © Marc Domage.

The building

The architectural conception by Ripault-Duhart allows for a fluid relation between the interior and exterior spaces, creating a genuine "garden museum." At once simple and intelligent, the museum is notable for its urban qualities and its modesty. Rather than being "monumental, imposing or spectacular," it is designed as a peaceful, soothing place, set in a complex environment. Its scale ensures its integration in its site and helps restructure the urban fabric.

The architects set out to connect museology and architecture in order to create a receptacle for the works, without freezing the collection as simple heritage or confining the building to monumentality. They therefore created an interior characterised by its neutrality and by the intelligence of its organisational plan. The exhibition spaces are organised in a circuit, with spacious exhibition areas encouraging free movement around the works. This functionalist architecture is designed to be plain, calm and luminous. "Inside, the sequence is conceived as an architectural promenade, directly in the tradition of Le Corbusier." Jacques Ripault died in July 2015. The Museum's tenth birthday exhibition, "L'Effet Vertigo," is dedicated to him.

The restaurant

Giving onto a tree-shaded terrace outside the MAC VAL, the restaurant is very much a space in its own right, a specific destination for all visitors, whether businesses or locals. It helps visitors extend their visit into a day's outing by adding the convivial experience of lunch to an exhibition tour and other activities on the programme. Designed for sharing, it naturally extends the spirit of the museum itself.

The "Michel Germa Garden"

The Museum forms a protective wall around a fine landscaped garden and thus helps create a quiet, withdrawn space, away from the traffic and noise of the town. It offers a unique view over the museum walkways and heightens the interplay between interior and exterior that makes this ensemble so agreeable.

This is a sculpture garden accessible to the public during museum opening times. Even before they enter the museum itself, it offers visitors direct contact with works from the collection, many of which are monumental.

It is also a space where visitors can rest, savour peace and quiet, meet and enjoy the pleasures of a safe park. It is a Departmental park and hosts events that are hospitable and often festive get-togethers. The public events include the Fooding festival and the Forum Libération, as well as an artistic programme whose regular events include European Museums Night and the European Heritage Days.

The resource centre

Scholarly activity, the constitution of information packs on works and artists, the production of bibliographies and dossiers, and carrying out and disseminating documentary research are the core activities of the resource centre. This keeps and organise all the documents (books, photos, videos, specialist journals, archives, sound archives) accompanying each of the works in the museum, and each invited or programmed artist.

In this regard, a collection of artist's books, also made by artists in the collection, a combination of artwork and document, helps enrich our knowledge of the artists and attract other, more family-centred visitors to the resource centre.

All the works can be viewed in the Videomuseum, a research tool for other museums and researchers which is easily accessible – as are all the data collected, organised, archived, processed and indexed by documentalists – in the photo library, at the documentary portal, and on the Museum website.

Over the years the resource centre has become a base and working area for students, artists and researchers, but also for young visitors, both alone and with their families. Admission is free and unrestricted, making it a real public service for researchers and those who simply enjoy reading.

Audiovisual back-up

From the outset, the Museum has recorded its artists talking in filmed studies carried out to gather information about the works, and designed to serve as both public presentations and archive material for researchers. Most of these films are interviews made to accompany the works, These words are also accessible on the audio guides freely available to the public, in which the artists offer their vision of their own work in a lively, personal way. These recordings can also be downloaded from the museum website.

Publications

The Museum publishes catalogues of the collection and of temporary shows. Over time, these have come to constitute an archive of the Museum's artistic and scholarly activity.

Guides to exhibitions of the collection

The regular rehangs of the MAC VAL collections are always accompanied by a printed guide (*Parcours*) or a catalogue, comprising all the works on show together with written entries.

Catalogues oftemporary shows

Temporary shows often the opportunity to produce new works, which are objects for future study. A specific catalogue is published for each show, comprising critical texts and exegeses of the artist's oeuvre, written by critics and specialists on the artist concerned. These catalogues are sometimes coedited with other institutions, and are distributed more widely.

Museum chronicles

Exhibitions of the collection and temporary shows also provide the opportunity to invite a writer, poet or art critic to contribute a new and unusual text, offering a fresh view of the works. These are published in a collection of booklets titled "Chroniques muséales." This clearly reflects the museum's ambition to give other artists and visitors the chance to express and discover other ways of looking at the artworks.



The resource center, MAC VAL, 2015. Photo © David Merle.

Proceedings of symposiums

In addition to publications directly linked to artistic activity, the proceedings of symposiums keep a record of the echoes and continuations generated around the works, bringing together contributions by artists, sociologists, philosophers, art historians and critics.

Collaborative platforms & social networks

Social networks are developed and cultivated on an everyday basis. There is a genuine community that follows and encourages the museum's artistic and cultural activities, paying tribute to it by posting photos or commentaries after their visit (Facebook, Instagram, etc.). This is an effective "community management" policy in which the MAC VAL is constantly seeking to strengthen its connection with its public.



The garden, MAC VAL 2015. Photo © David Merle.

Institutional partners

Ministère de l'Éducation nationale, Drac Île-de-France, Région Île-de-France, **DRJSCS** Île-de-France (Direction régionale de la jeunesse des sports et de la cohésion sociale), Institut français, Département de la Seine-Saint-Denis, Comité régional du Tourisme, Comité départemental du Tourisme, Rectorat de l'académie de Créteil. Communauté d'agglomération de Seine-Amont, Mairie de Vitry-sur-Seine, réseau TRAM, CIPAC, réseau CANOPE, CAUE 94, RATP, etc.

Artistic and cultural partners

Musée National des beaux-arts de Québec, Monumenta Grand Palais, Parc Saint-Léger – Centre d'art contemporain, Fondation d'entreprise Ricard, ateliers de Création **Radiophonique de France** Culture. Nuit Blanche Paris, Manufacture de Sèvres, Espaces croisés à Lille, Ircam - Centre Pompidou, AICA (Association internationale des critiques d'art), Centre Georges Pompidou -MNAM. Festival d'Automne à Paris, Musée du Louvre, Cité Nationale de l'Histoire de l'Immigration, International Visual Theater, **Galerie municipale Jean-Collet** de Vitry-sur-Seine, Écoles Municipales Artistiques de Vitry-sur-Seine, La Briqueterie-Centre de développement chorégraphique du Val-de-Marne, centre d'art contemporain d'Ivry – le Crédac, La Gaîté Lyrique, Maison du Conte de Chevilly-La-Rue. la MAC de Créteil, Zebrock (93), SensoProjekt, Studio-Théâtre de Vitry-sur-Seine,

Théâtre Jean-Vilar de Vitry-sur-Seine, Gare au Théâtre de Vitry-sur-Seine, Les cinémas MK2, Festival Les Écrans documentaires à Arcueil, **Festival International** de Films de Femmes de Créteil, Festival Ciné Junior, Festival Concordan(s)e, Festival Actoral à Marseille, **Pavillon Neuflize OBC** Palais de Tokyo, Bétonsalon – Centre d'art et de recherche, la galerie Ygrec de l'ENSAPC de Cergy-Pontoise, /tmp/lab/, Les Instants chavirés à Montreuil, pointligneplan, IVT, les Cinémas du Palais à Créteil, la Muse en circuit, le Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature. l'Espace d'art contemporain d'HEC, les Nouveaux Commanditaires (Fondation de France), la Galerie, centre d'art contemporain de Noisy-le-Sec, Galeries du Jeu de Paume, Le Plateau -FRAC Île-de-France, FRAC Bretagne, etc.

Social partners

Fédération de centres sociaux du Val-de-Marne, Fédération des MJC de France, Les Francas, Cultures du Coeur, le SPIP du Val-de-Marne, Étape ivryenne d'Emmaüs Solidarité, la Maison de la solidarité de Créteil, Maison d'arrêt de Fresnes, etc. Accessibility partners **ITEP Le Coteau** (Vitry-sur-Seine), Handi-répit 94 (Créteil), IME André-Nouaille, (Massy), Hôpital Paul-Guiraud (Villejuif), École André-Villette, Institut Le Val-Mandé (Saint-Mandé), SESSAD (Nogent, Vitry-sur-Seine, Créteil) USPP-CMPP (lvry-sur-Seine), Foyer Bercy (Paris), etc.

Ten Years

Educational partners (outside the national educational system)

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Media partners

L'œil, Beaux Arts magazine, Art Press, Télérama, Métro, Arts Magazine, artnet, Evène, Paris Mômes, Nova, Expo in the city, A Nous Paris, Slash, Les Inrockuptibles, Paris-art, etc.

New partners this year

Paris Première, France Culture, *Le Parisien*, Mouvement, etc.

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