



ALEXANDRE JOLY Communicating vessels

Musée Ariana, 25 February–7 August 2022

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From 25 February to 7 August 2022, Alexandre Joly, a visual artist, is taking over the temporary exhibition space of the Ariana Museum to install his dreamlike and sonorous universe.

Visual artist Alexandre Joly (France, 1977) has chosen as a field for artistic exploration the 2990 vases featured in the collections of the Ariana Museum. Among them, he has selected a few showpieces from the East, using mirror effects to enhance their presence. China and Japan, the birthplace of porcelain, are characterised by their production of vases and pots with curved shapes and an infinite variety of decoration. The motifs, often symbolic, are borrowed from Chinese painting or Buddhist or Taoist iconography.

Alexandre Joly has focused on the decoration as well as the shapes of the vases. He has extracted their inner music and appropriated their motifs. Between emptiness and fullness, repetition and rotation, breeze and sound apparitions, the artist leads us into a ballet of contrasting and complementary perceptions – like yin and yang.

In an audio-visual mise en abyme, each object becomes a vessel to be borrowed for an intimate journey into a dreamlike cosmogony.

Alexandre Joly's current artistic practice combines sculpture and sound installations, often creating site-specific installations that sensitively explore the aesthetic, spiritual and magical relationships that man has with nature. His work is represented by Galerie Valérie Bach in Brussels and Galerie Wilde in Geneva.

More information: <http://www.alexandrejoly.net/>

Programme

Guided tours Free | No pre-booking required

Sundays: 27 February 2022 at 11pm; (with Alexandre Joly and Anne-Claire Schumacher, Curator)

6 March, 3 April, 1st May, 5 June and 31 July 2022 at 11am

Concert

Accordez vos vélos !

Thursday 21 April, at 8pm

Free admission on registration

All tours and events are in French unless otherwise stated.

For more information www.musee-ariana.ch

Press visits on Thursday 24 February at 11am / Preview on 24 February at 7pm

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