



CONNECTIONS 50 years of donations

Ariana Museum, 13 September 2022 to 19 March 2023

PRESS RELEASE

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For the 70th anniversary of the International Academy of Ceramics (IAC), the Ariana Museum, the birthplace of the IAC, presents *CONNECTIONS, 50 years of donations*. From the 1960s to the present day, the Museum has received nearly 600 donations from member artists. Vessels, sculptures, and installations from all over the world, these selected pieces draw up a cartography of the world of ceramics, between craftsmanship and formal freedom, tradition and innovation.

From the outset, founder of the IAC Henry J. Reynaud was keen to make Geneva the world capital of ceramics, and he set about expanding the Ariana Museum's ceramics collections by opening them up to pieces that were other than European or historical, in order to "constitute the beginning of a modern art ceramics section." In 1960 his *World Cultural Exchange* was the pretext for a first donation of 24 works from both the craft and artistic repertoires. In 1964 Edgar Pelichet instituted a Reynaud Prize, and then the AIC came to reward the first prizes of the Vallauris Biennial and the Faenza International Contemporary Ceramics Competition for almost ten years in the form of a purchase for the Ariana Museum. Alongside these purchases, many spontaneous donations were made by AIC members themselves.

This exhibition is dedicated to all those craftspeople, artists and curators, past and present, who have nurtured the dream of a collection without aesthetic or geographical boundaries.

SCHEDULE

GUIDED TOURS

THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS: 18 September at 3.45 pm (in the presence of exhibition curator Stéphanie Le Follic-Hadida), 2 October at 3 pm, 6 November at 2 pm, 4 December 2022, 8 January, 5 February, 5 March and 19 March 2023 at 3 pm
Successive visits of the two exhibitions: CONNECTIONS and VOCATION | Free, no registration required

GUIDED TOURS ON REQUEST

In English, French or German | Fee, registration required

PUBLIC VERNISSAGE THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7 pm, free admission without reservation

Combined ticket MIGRATION(s)/CONNECTIONS CHF 15/10

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