



## CHARLOTTE HODES Conversations en plein air

Musée Ariana, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023–05<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### PRESS RELEASE

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The Musée Ariana is pleased to present *Charlotte Hodes. Conversations en plein air* from 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in our contemporary creations space. Charlotte Hodes, is an internationally exhibited artist, whose work bridges the fine and decorative arts.

Trained as a painter, Charlotte Hodes (UK, 1959) has used readymade ceramic ware as an alternative canvas since the 1990s. She carries over collage and printing processes to the field of ceramics, nourished by her study of the Spode factory's archive of historic transfers in Stoke-on-Trent.

With *Conversations en plein air*, Charlotte Hodes proposes a playful analogy between French 18<sup>th</sup> century *Fêtes galantes* paintings and the outdoor social gatherings experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her hallmark female figures call to each other across media, creating open narrative sequences in richly-patterned environments.

A new serie of vases, paper frieze and large-scale tableware installation draw us into the conversation as we sit together on the picnic blanket.

Website : <https://charlottehodes.com/>

### Programme (selection)

#### Guided tours

Sunday 5 November 2023 at 3pm (with the artist and the exhibition curator) ; on Sundays 3 December 2023, 14 January, 4 February, 3 March, 7 April, 5 May, 2024 (with the artist and the exhibition curator) at 11am | Free, no reservation required

#### Thematic tour: exhibition and collection of the Musée Ariana

Sundays, November 12, 2023 and March 17, 2024 at 3pm | Free, no registration required

#### Regards croisés

Combined tours of the exhibitions *Nicolas Muller. A force* and *Charlotte Hodes. Conversations en plein air* Sunday, 19 November, 2023 and 10 March, 2024 at 11 am | Free, no registration required

#### Picnic in the park

Sunday, May 5, 2024, Potluck buffet. All audiences: in partnership with Camarada

All tours and events are in French unless otherwise stated.

For more information [www.musee-ariana.ch](http://www.musee-ariana.ch)

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