# **Tiphaine Calmettes**

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I experiment with the plasticity and form of performing as a tool for analysis of the present. Each event/performence is open to a working group and guests composed of people who eat, speak and work together for the duration of the meeting and is open to the public. I offer the use/the experience as a platform, performative space and moment of collaborative experimentation focusing on my research work. Via performances, sculptures, food, texts and installations I create situations involving new exhibition rituals that challenge our way of looking and perceiving. Orchestrating different relationships between art, work and cooking, I blur the accepted distinctions between the habitual rules governing production, distribution and consumption. Through precise, subtle gestures I explore not only the question of attentiveness to the artwork's materiality, but also the behaviour of the person looking at it. Here the artwork is not some ephemeral image to be cursorily glanced at or consumed, but something physical and tangible to be taken care of and to spend time with.

My work addresses the forms of consideration of the living in the multitude of their aspects. Thus, I elaborate sculptures and installations and induce, by using organic materials, their own evolution, and their autonomy.

Through the practice of sculpture, installation and writing, I look for a set in motion both forms and text. Since 2016, I am committed to developing a form of life and bringing the organic in my work. Through their evolving nature, forms then open up to potential futures. Mosses in gestation or seeds in dormancy, I wish to evoke the latent and discrete forces that underlie our world. By contamination, the plant spreads like the feelings that inhabit us. The practice of writing imposes itself gradually, mixing sensitive and poetic experiences with historical facts or news. I am interested in various sources and genres ranging from Rap music to botany, in search of a visceral and embodied word. Through the analysis of our food habits, I take another look at old stories, draw from the source, and revive our buried memories. In the manner of storytellers, I reinvest collective practices and ancient rites. I study the impact of our ways of consumption on our bodies and the transitions they operate in our lives. I reinvent moments of sharing around (mixtures?) preparations. On a different scale of the body, my practice also dialogues with the design of spaces, urbanism and architecture; our places of life and their transformations. It is in their sharing that my stories take all their meaning and that is why the activation of objects takes an increasingly important place in my work.

Today, I continue my research on plants and food absorption rituals in the awakening of the senses. I work to put forward the sensitivity of a shared experience, creating open narratives as possible to imagine together in order to emerge meaning once again where we seem they have been lost.

# THEY ARE LOOKING AT US

UNA BOCCATA D'ARTE - ELPIS FOUNDATION JUNE 22 TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 VENETO, PORTO LEVANTE - HAMLET OF PORTO VIRO (RO) COORDINATED BY GIOVANNI GIACOMO PAOLIN

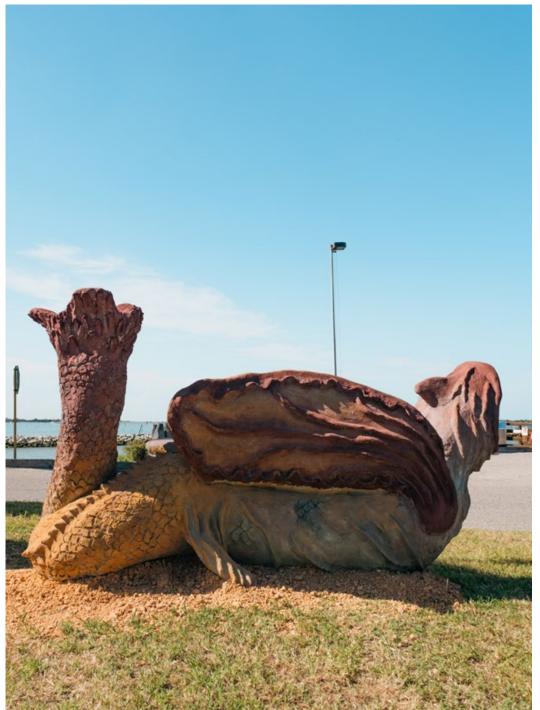
Una Boccata d'Arte, the contemporary art project promoted by the Fondazione Elpis, runs until September 29, 2024. Each year, 20 Italian villages and towns, one for each region, welcome 20 Italian and international artists after a period of residency in contact with the territory and local communities.

Through 20 in situ interventions that include diffuse exhibitions, installations, performances, workshops and artists' books, Una Boccata d'Arte activates a special cultural itinerary throughout the summer that winds its way along the peninsula: an invitation to travel and discover unexpected places, far from the traditional circuits of contemporary art.

Porto Levante is a strip of land stretching between fresh and salt water, surrounded by sea and lagoon, and it is often considered purely as a place of transition. Its small community endures and merges with hybrid inhabitants, linked to the village for its natural characteristics and activities such as fishing. The location's relatively recent history has encouraged relations with those who have always lived there, giving rise to ideal and physical spaces in which to construct a series of small alternative narratives. A viewpoint positioned at ground level but directed towards the water becomes the ideal route for the amplification of these visions: lagoons and seas have always induced people who gaze at them to let their minds wander, generating new living beings, as fascinating as they are monstrous. The facility of being able to lose oneself in these fantasies is rendered unstable by a slight fear of the things that cannot be known and cannot be totally defined. The two works in the project They Are Looking at Us, devised by Tiphaine Calmettes in the form of seating units for Porto Levante are intended to encourage the power of imagination of all those who visit this area. They are placed at the heart of the village, as a tribute to the sea and its creatures, enabling both the residents and visitors to submerge themselves in a state of contemplation, gaining the ability to question the links between fiction and reality. Even the landscape around the village experiences an unusual duality, in which both the artificial nature of the hinterland, and the sea from which water is channelled to permit its continuing existence, are simultaneously present. It is in these spaces that Calmettes' intervention takes shape, consisting of sculptures intended to become meeting places, uniting different dimensions of time and narrative, inspired by an imaginary mythology. The artist's works result from the combination of various materials and techniques, a concept originating from the shape of a bench: an invitation to contemplate a third version of nature, this time fantastical, evoked by the Porto Levante area.







**THEY ARE LOOKING AT US, 2024** CONCRETE, METAL, OXIDES, SOLAR LAMP PORTO LEVANTE - HAMLET OF PORTO VIRO (RO), VENETO REGION@ FIORELLA COSTANTINI















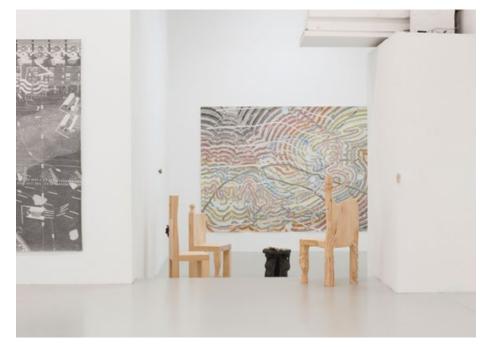
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# **FOYER FLUX FOSSILS**

A GROUP EXHIBITION TIPHAINE CALMETTES, HUNTER LONGE, ISABELL SCHULTE WITH AN INTERVENTION BY JONAS ETTER JUNE 08 TO AUGUST 04, 2024 CAN ART CENTER NEUCHÂTEL

The title Foyer Flux Fossils functions like a conceptual toolbox; its elements conceal a plurality of meanings that allow us to imagine combinations of thoughts: different links can be tied together in various ways. Whether we conceive of the Foyer as the place where the fire is made, the house, the people who live there, a center from which everything starts, or simply a place for sharing; whether we imagine Flux as movement, a tide, a transmission of computer data, or even a breath that varies or is constant; whether we think of Fossils as the remains of ancient plants or animals, oil or coal, or whether the term simply refers to the soil, to what is buried and hidden between sedimentary strata, the deployment and interweaving of these terms opens up to interpretation and lexical play, like many potential overlapping stories and images. In the exhibition rooms, glitches seem to occur from time to time, here and there, a sound hums softly. Slight variations are enough to bring about a change of focus, which is how this exhibition can be approached, by shifting our perception. We walk through a corridor

[...] Settle down for a moment on this bench or chair. Tiphaine Calmettes' sculptures are warm and cozy, as if they belonged in a comfortable burrow. Various seats are posed alongside lamps, crockery and screens. Wood, raw or baked clay, wax and concrete can be observed; their appearance is sometimes rough, crumbly or even soft. We pour ourselves a cup of an herbal infusion composed of hibiscus, mint and licorice. Elements with plant or zoomorphic motifs are ancient and even traditional in the history of ornamentation. Tiphaine takes up their codes: the legs of chairs and pots become paws, while beaks and bellies also correspond to animal anatomy. However, the interpretation, textures and aesthetics of the works are all personal to the artist. Expressionism and raw rendering situate the object at an ordinarily impassable boundary that seems to fade away here: is it a work of art or a utensil or a piece of furniture? And more interestingly, doesn't function appear to be a pretext for representation? The artist seeks to establish a different relationship between the visitor and the art object, by allowing him or her to use it. She entrusts the work to them, bringing a different quality of presence to the latter and adding to the gaze (which usually dominates the contemplative experience of art), the senses of touch, smell and taste. The animal body and the human body seem to bear more resemblance than otherness. By approaching furniture through the notion of companionship, by individualizing the inanimate, Tiphaine brings the quality of the relationship to the Other, but also to matter, back into the heart of our domestic spaces.



FAIRE FLEURIR LE SALON, 2023 SOLID BASSWOOD, WOOD-FIRED STONEWARE EXHIBITION VIEW FOYER FLUX FOSSILS DRAWINGS ISABELL SCHULTE PHOTO @ SEBASTIAN VERDON

#### Thanks

The technical team : Côme Calmettes (menuiserie), Antoine Garrault, Francis Ruggirello (structure en métal), JeanneHuchet, Matthieu Bertéa

The FAIRE team, who hosted the production in their studio at 8 Pillards, Marseille,;

The fire kiln team : Pierre Architta et André Adelheim, Olivier Zol, Séverine Trousselard

Liza Trottet



FAIRE FLEURIR LE SALON, 2023 SOLID BASSWOOD, WOOD-FIRED STONEWARE, BEESWAX, CONCRETE, RAW EARTH EXHIBITION VIEW FOYER FLUX FOSSILS PHOTO @ SEBASTIAN VERDON













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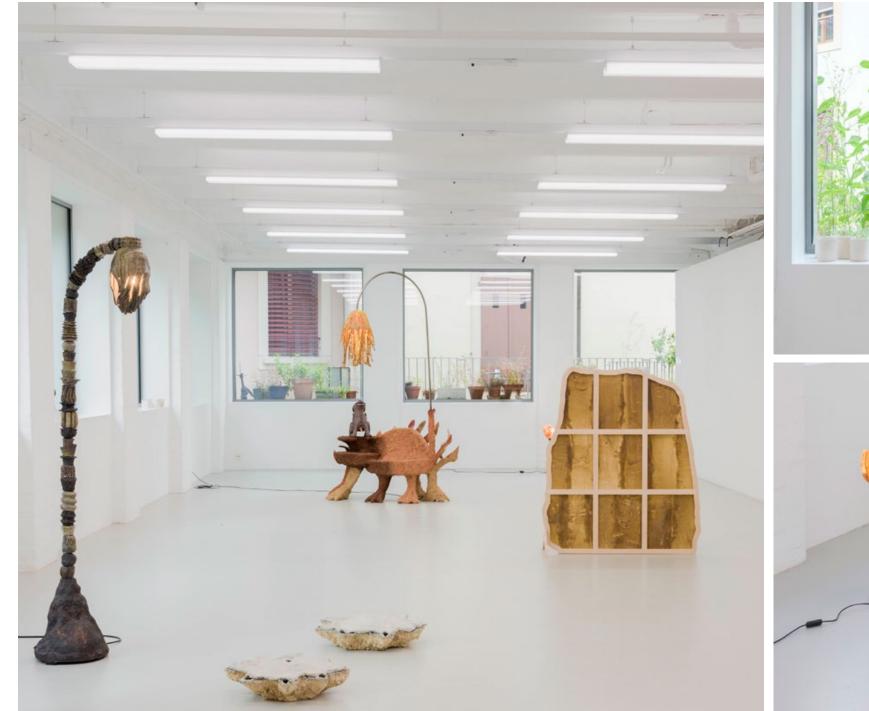








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FAIRE FLEURIR LE SALON, 2023 SOLID BASSWOOD, WOOD-FIRED STONEWARE, BEESWAX, RAW EARTH EXHIBITION VIEW FOYER FLUX FOSSILS PHOTO @ SEBASTIAN VERDON

# UNE RÊVEUSE RÊVANT D'UNE RÊVEUSE RÊVANT

IN THE EXHIBITION *MONDES SENSIBLES* FROM JUNE 14, 2024 TO JANUARY 12, 2025 INTERNATIONAL PERFUMERY MUSEUM GRASSE CURATED BY SANDRA BARRÉ

Tiphaine Calmettes' space focuses on the idea of rest. Like a decompression chamber, like a calm world where the body is called upon to experience the exhibition differently, couches invite visitors to slow down. Each element is crafted with a rustic aesthetic that reveals the raw material. The organic dimension is paramount in Tiphaine Calmettes' treatment of textures, either in the behavior of the material itself, or in the representation of zoomorphic and/or floral forms. Sit down, lie down, touch and feel in this microcosm, where tranquillity opens up a different way of perceiving. Your attention will be free to focus on what are often considered details. Like an invitation to the thatched cottage of a being in symbiosis with its environment, take this time to observe with your whole body what we often forget to consider. Sandra Barré

#### Thanks

The technical team : Antoine Garrault (menuiserie), Francis Ruggirello (structure en métal) L'équipe de FAIRE qui a accueilli la production dans on atelier au 8 Pillards, Marseille,



UNE RÊVEUSE RÊVANT D'UNE RÊVEUSE RÊVANT, 2024 SET OF OAK WOOD, RATTAN, BAMBOO BEESWAX AND RAW EARTH EXHIBITION VIEW PHOTO @JACQUES PENON







**UNE RÊVEUSE RÊVANT D'UNE RÊVEUSE RÊVANT, 2024** SET OF OAK WOOD, RATTAN, BAMBOO BEESWAX AND RAW EARTH EXHIBITION VIEW AND DEATAIL PHOTO @JACQUES PENON





**UNE RÊVEUSE RÊVANT D'UNE RÊVEUSE RÊVANT, 2024** SET OF OAK WOOD, RATTAN, BAMBOO BEESWAX AND RAW EARTH EXHIBITION VIEW PHOTO @JACQUES PENON



# L'AIRE NEUVE

LABORATOIRE RECHERCHE PERFORMANCE AS PART OF *RECOMMENCER CE MONDE*, EVENT PROPOSED BY JÉRÔME BEL 28.03 > 25.05.24 CND PANTIN

TIME OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - ESTIMATED DURATION : 45 MIN 28.03 - 18:00 29.03 - 19:00 30.03 - 17:30

At Jérôme Bel's invitation, Tiphaine Calmettes sets up an exploratory laboratory in the Galerie du CND on March 21, inviting anthropologist Léo Mariani and sound designer Antoine Mermet to explore gesture, body and material. Following this period of research, the public will be invited to take part in three events on March 28, 29 and 30.

A few cubic meters of earth and a body. L'aire neuve is the name given to the refurbished surface of the ground dedicated to threshing wheat. In some regions, this was done with raw earth, using dances to compact the earth into a flat surface. Primarily a visual artist, Tiphaine Calmettes has been working with clay for several years now. At CND, the aim is not to re-enact these traditional practices, but to explore a body's intimate, sensitive encounter with this material, or to explore its individuality and different forms of agentivity.



*L'AIRE NEUVE, 2024* VIEW OF THE PROPOSAL PERFORMED WITH ANTOINE MERMET AND 5 TONS OF EARTH PHOTO @MATTHIEU BERTÉA





















*L'AIRE NEUVE*, 2024 VIEW OF THE PROPOSAL PERFORMED WITH ANTOINE MERMET AND 5 TONS OF EARTH PHOTO @MATTHIEU BERTÉA

## SOUPE PRIMORDIALE

A MONOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION DU 20 MAI AU 23 JUILLET 22 BÉTONSALON - CENTRE D'ART ET DE RECHERCHE, PARIS CURATOR : ÉMILIE RENARD

Tiphaine Calmettes creates a new series of sculptures that allow you to sit down to taste a drop of kombucha, drink a flower tea kept warm in a gargoyle's stomach, help yourself to broth from a hollow amidst bread crusts, smell the warm redolence of all this cuisine, follow trickles of water as they dribble out of a monster's mouth, observe ochre light filtered through a dried kombucha starter, feel the earthy cavities of the surfaces around....

These sculptures are assemblages of previous experiences, works or rejects that have not completed their metamorphosis: under their own inertia and due to wear and tear, some materials give way under their own weight, or seep, crack or evaporate as they are sensitive to heat. All of them are doomed to be further transformed after the exhibition. Whether shaped by skilful hands or left in their initial state, they undergo involuntary transformations on their own. These versatile shapes have not only ingested the various strata of the artist's work, they have also experienced motifs from distant periods-anthropomorphic utensils, stony plants, animals with pouring lips... – an entire monstrous bestiary drawn from a sort of imaginary natural history.

"Primordial soup " is a term associated with a scientific theory that says that life on Earth is the result of spontaneous generation within a milieu warm and sticky enough to allow life to arise. A whole ecosystem sustains itself in this primordial soup. These sensory sculptures that seem to have emerged from a troglodyte kitchen, turn Bétonsalon into an inhabitable place. Thanks to them, Bétonsalon settles into a sort of telluric domesticity.

An exhibition coproduced by AWARE: Archives of Women Artists, Research and Exhibitions for the 2020 prize.

In partnership with d.c.a, french association for the development of contemporary art centres

#### Thanks

The technical team : Francis Ruggirello (structures en métal), Olivier Zol, Derin Demircioğlu, Blandine Dumeau, Jade Tailhandier, Dione Villalobos;

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SOUPE PRIMORDIALE, 2022 VIEW OF THE EXHIBITION

Documentation :

- Images
- BS n°32 Exhibition publication
- Press release
- Press Kit

#### Press:

- Tiphaine Calmettes par Andréanne Béguin pour Zérodeux











HUTTE À MAINS, 2022 CONCRETE, METAL, RAW EARTH, CERAMICS, OYSTERS RESISTANCE, SAND, SOUP, BREAD CRUST 170 X 120 X 120 CM



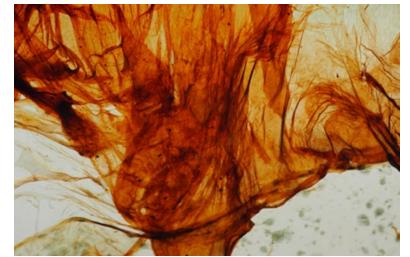
BANC SERPENT, 2022 CONCRETE, METAL, MOSSES, LICHENS CA. 70 X 230 X 70 CM



EXHIBITION VIEW, 2022 EXTASE, 2020-2021 CONCRETE, WIRE MESH, IRON, MOSSES AND LICHENS CA. 89 X 200 X 80 CM ON-SITE INSTALLATION, 2022 RAW EARTH, POOL LINER, KOMBUCHA







EXHIBITION VIEW, 2022 ON-SITE INSTALLATION MÈRE DE KOMBUCHA









MÉNHIR À ALCÔVE, 2022 RAW EARTH, CONCRETE, METAL, BEESWAX CA. 210 X 140 X 110 CM VINAIGRIER CHIEN AILÉ, 2022 CERAMIC, WOOD, CORK, KOMBUCHA CA. 60 X 30 X 30 CM



# FAUTEUIL À PATTES D'OURS, 2022 CONCRETE, METAL, RAW EARTH, MOSS, LICHENS BAIN DÉRIVATIF, 2020 CONCRETE, METAL, MOSS, LICHENS RAW EARTH, POOL LINER, WATER FONTAINE À DENT DE CROCODILE, 2022 CERAMIC THÉIÈRE POISSON DRAGON, 2022 CERAMICS, FLOWER TEA CA. 40 X 40 X 30 CM



# PAR LE CHANT GRONDANT DES VIBRATIONS AUTOUR

SOLO EXHIBITION WINTER 2021 CENTRE INTERNATIONAL D'ART ET DU PAYSAGE ÎLE DE VASSIVIÈRE

*Par le chant grondant des vibrations autour* by Tiphaine Calmette is a project for the art centre inspired by the inherent energy of the site, by the architecture of the building itself, but also by the elements that make up the island environment, in particular the lake and the vegetation.

From one room to another the visitors are encouraged to interact with the objects that are on show. Furniture that can be used, tools that work, materials that change form or items that can be consumed are just so many different ways in which the exhibition interacts with those who move through it.

Produced by using existing knowledge and working together with various artisans, the work encapsulates a sense of sharing, bequeathing and living in the moment, which permeates the artist's way of working. Their design and modus operandi are governed by supernatural laws which only the most perceptive are sensitive to.

This exhibition was co-produced with le Centre céramique contemporaine La Borne, l'IAC — Institut d'art contemporain — Villeurbanne/Rhône-Alpes, et l'YGREC ENSAPC d'Aubervilliers.



PAR LE CHANT GRONDANT DES VIBRATIONS AUTOUR, 2020 EXHIBITION VIEWS

Geobiological study carried out with Yann Hélip-Soulié

Stills and alchemical vision realised with the help of Olivier Zol

Rocaille produced with the support of Morgan Lefer

Choice and collection of plants advised by Chantal Ballot

Sound piece made with Antoine Mermet

Earthworks led by Samuel Dugelay with Alexiane Trapp, Lise Madec, Alice Ollie, Simon Keba, Oscar Mijangos, Mathilde Terrier, Victor Schneider, Diane Humblot, Brenda Kurien, Léon Dugelay, Louise, Léna, Laura, Adèle Nicolas, Cédric, Sarah et Charlie

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#### Pressw:

- SONDER L'ÎLE : Par le chant grondant des vibrations autour - Tiphaine Calmettes

- Capsules sonores thématisées, autour de l'exposition avec Antoine Mermet
- Visite de l'expo par la médiatrice Radiovassivière
- Au Centre international d'art et du paysage de Vassivière, devenir l'eau du lac, par Bruno Barlier La Montagne





EXTASE ET BAIN DÉRIVATIF, 2020 CONCRETE, METAL, VEGETABLE MOSS AND LICHENS @RAPHAËL TRAPET

PAR LE CHANT GRONDANT DES VIBRATIONS AUT-OUR, 2020 RAW SOIL, CONCRETE, CERAMIC, GLASS

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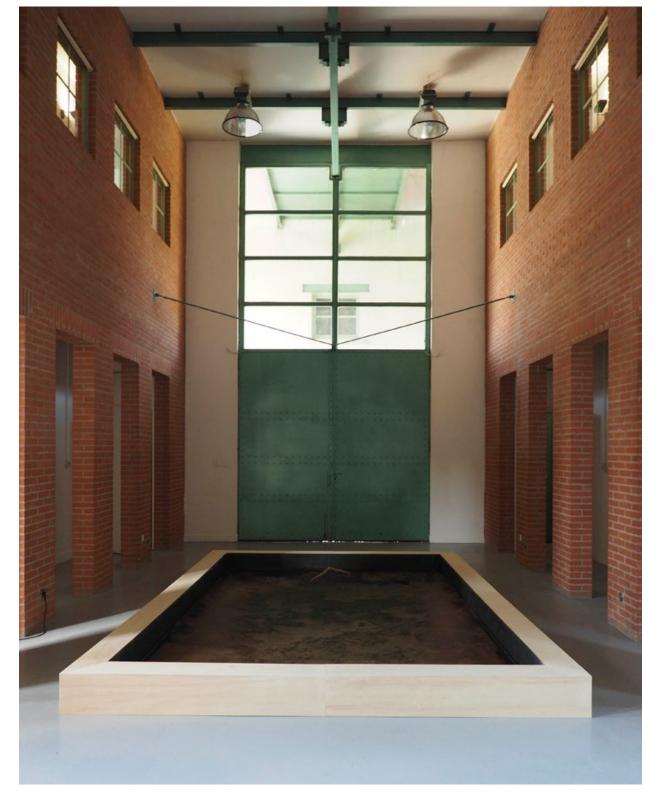






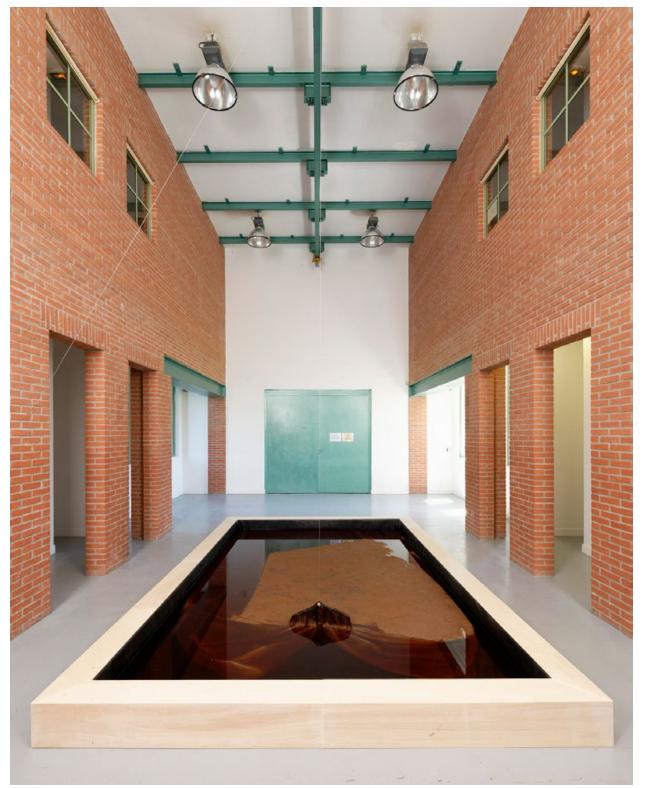


PAR LE CHANT GRONDANT DES VIBRATIONS AUTOUR, 2020 INSTALLATION IN SITUE RAW SOIL, TERRACOTTA, CONCRETE





PAR LE CHANT GRONDANT DES VIBRATIONS AUTOUR, 2020 INSTALLATION IN SITUE KOMBUCHA MOTHER, WOOD, CERAMIC

















## IL Y AVAIT DES ODEURS QUI MARCHAIENT

FROM 10 JULY TO 8 AUGUST 2020 CENTRE D'ART YGREC-ENSAPC

Il y avait des odeurs qui marchaient is a proposal developed by the artist Tiphaine Calmettes for Ygrec-ENSAPC as part of Un été culturel en Île-de-France. For four weeks, the artist will transform the art centre into a space of research, experimentation and production (craft, culinary and plant) in which visitors can discover works «in the making».

The exhibition space will be transformed into a place for growing kombucha (a living tissue, a symbiosis of bacteria and yeast, which proliferates, grows and expands) as well as a place for culinary experimentation where the public will be able to look, smell and taste edible objects. The sculptures produced will evolve each week into an exhibition that will never be completely static in its form but, like the living, will be in constant transformation.

This project, which is part exhibition and part production residency, is also intended to be a platform for encounters and exchanges between the artist, speakers (chef, philosopher, curators) and the public, who will be invited to three meeting-events on 23 July, 30 July and 8 August. It is through artistic, food, social, philosophical and consequently political reflections that the artist questions our customs and habits, whether they are linked to our way of visiting an exhibition, of eating bread, of sitting at the table or, more broadly, of envisaging the living.



IL Y AVAIT DES ODEURS QUI MARCHAIENT , 2020 CERAMIC, METAL, CARPET PHOTO ©OBJETS POINTUS

Guillaume Breton

Plus d'infos et presse :

- Tiphaine Calmettes, le goût d'apprendre, par Annabelle Martella - Libération

This exhibition was co-produced with the Centre céramique contemporaine La Borne.

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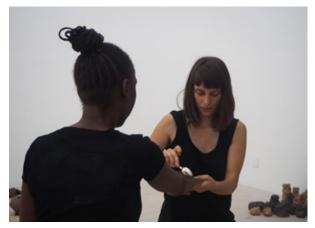














IL Y AVAIT DES ODEURS QUI MARCHAIENT , 2020 WITH THE CHIEF AMELIE ROSSELOT PHOTO ©NATHALIA CHATZIGIA

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> THÉÂTRE D'OBJETS, 2021 VIEW OF THE EXHIBITION AT SITE ARCHÉOLOGIQUE LATTARA-MUSÉE HENRI PRADES, LATTES, 2023 CERAMICS, CARPETS PHOTO @MARC DOMMAGE



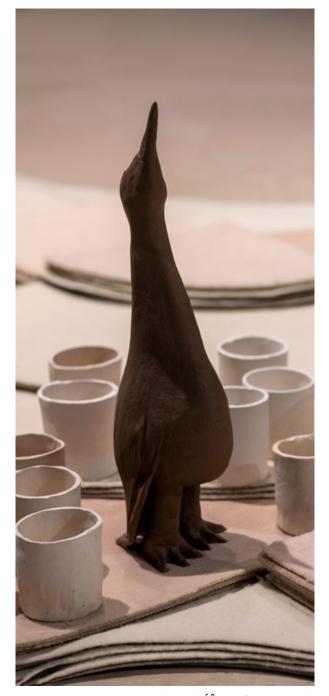












**THÉÂTRE D'OBJETS, 2021** DETAILS SITE ARCHÉOLOGIQUE LATTARA-MUSÉE HENRI PRADES, LATTES, 2023 CERAMICS, CARPETS PHOTO @MARC DOMMAGE







SANS TITRE , 2020 EXHIBITION VIEW IAC VARIOUS MATERIALS

## **BREAD OVEN**

Invited by La Semeuse to continue her research at the Laboratoires d'Aubervilliers, Tiphaine Calmettes proposes meetings and exchanges of practices around the construction of a raw clay bread oven in the garden.

On the programme: making tiles, shaping raw earth, initiation to kneading and baking bread. Tiphaine Calmettes proposes to revive traditional, unknown or forgotten techniques through meetings with those who perpetuate the memory of these gestures and practices.

From its mode of production to its daily use, this bread oven, shaped in the soil of an ancestral memory, has the vocation of constituting around it a human chain made of transmission and exchange. Evoking the communal oven of villages of yesteryear, it is intended to be a place of sociability where generations and cultures cross and hybridise.

Tiphaine Calmettes also sees this kiln as a place of collective emancipation, where the acquisition of new skills opens up a greater autonomy and capacity to act on our lives. Through this project, she invites us to take hold of the tools at our disposal and to learn how to use them, thus applying the principles of a «convivial politics», to use the words of the philosopher Ivan Illitch.

Built «with the means at hand», using basic tools available on site and accessible to all, the oven is also built with the leftover soil of a former Laboratoires project. Far from constituting a simple decor whose constraints must be circumvented, the place - its ecosystem, its economy, its memory and the memory of those who pass through it and inhabit it - thus constitutes the driving force and the very material of this project.

Residence carried out with the support of the DRAC in the framework of the Culture and Social Link programme.



#### The different stages of the residency

#### From January to April 2021

Tile-making workshop with the women of the «Maïda pour Tous» association

Decorated with plant motifs inspired by the plants with which the women of the association are accustomed to treating themselves, these tiles resonate with La Semeuse's research into ancestral know-how and treatment using plants. Made of stoneware and earthenware, they will be placed on the roof of the baker's oven. The association Maïda pour tous : Aïcha Abdessalam, Samira Rezzag, Linda Radji, Fakia Bouneb, Tassadit Ouldji, Malika Mouhcine, Naïma Bouguenaya.

#### From 26 to 30 April, then from 3 to 7 May 2021

Construction site for the raw earth bread oven, with Samuel Dugelay

With Myriam Boutry, Mael Canal, Vincent Brou, Mathilde Chassaigne, Julie Jouitteau, Ignacio Arnaldi, Francesca Crudo, Mélodie Gogué-Meunier, Zora Decherf, Alice Van Biesbroeck, Lysbeth Benavides, Habib, Madeleine Pellerin, Maia Hamilcaroberlin, Alice Plun, Celine Lanneretonne, Orane Aguirre, and Christine Calmettes

#### Saturday 18 September 2021

#### Inauguration of the bread oven

In the presence of Tiphaine Calmettes, of the association «Maïda pour Tous» and of the participants of the construction site. Installation of the gargoyles on the roof, launching of the fire, discussion, «special bread rolls» workshop, baking and tasting.

Thanks to Ariane Leblanc, Camille Gigot The Aubervilliers Laboratories team and Philippe Saltel, carpenter





















## LA TERRE EMBRASSE LE SOL

FROM 17 SEPTEMBER TO 31 OCTOBER 2019 ENS LYON, IN RESONANCE WITH THE LYON BIENNIAL ON A PROPOSAL BY FLORENCE MEYSSONNIER WITH THE COLLABORATION OF OLIVIER HAMAN AND IN COLLABORATION WITH SAMUEL DUGELAY / DE LA MATIERE À L'OUVRAGE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING CENTRE FOR ECOCONSTRUCTION

*Quand l'attention se détache de la progression du récit pour se porter tout entière dans le mouvement de la ronde*<sup>1</sup>

At the ENS in Lyon, Tiphaine Calmettes proposes the construction of a piece of furniture that evolves according to a programme of workshops and meetings. The idea is to work simultaneously on the making and the knowing in a collective approach of care and hospitality.

Reversible, the earth melts back into its environment as soon as it is no longer inhabited. If it is not, it needs to be cared for, requiring maintenance that maintains the link between the object and its user(s). Made of raw earth, between the earthworm and the coral, this set of mineral forms with an anthropomorphic appearance generates an evolving and vernacular site like a playground. It responds to the need to welcome meetings as well as to nourish the very subject of these moments of exchange around its use. Composed of several modules, this gathering place will be built around fireplaces - ceramic kilns, bread ovens and cooking fires - as federating elements of a form of commensality.

Anchored in Tim Ingold's thinking, where teaching is based on the practice of making gestures, this project is an opportunity to confront anthropology, archaeology, art and architecture as ways of doing things, each of which explores, in its own way, the conditions and potentials of human life within its environment.

With : Marine Kloc, Lola Giganon, Fanchon Gonnord, Julie Elleouet, Albane Dugrosprez, Floraine Sintes, Agathe Chevallier, Bertrand Grosol, Laigo Laura, Meryem Laval, Saumet Janet, Lise Bisleau, Amaia Sainzruiz, Lucile Genin, Chloe Liberman, Antoine Dochniak, Damien Fragnon, Nathalie Jover, Azil Izred, Samuel Mecklenburg, Amy Matthews, Mortgat Johanne, Elise Drevet, Clara Delencquesaing, Sina Safadi, Jim Grisillon, Solenne Zonca, Isaac Ren, Gator Boutron, Jeremy Maignant, Valade Aurelien, Florence Lebon, Mathilde Segonds, Mona Chancogne, Guillemot Francois



LA TERRE EMBRASSE LE SOL, 2019 VIEW OF THE SITE RAW SOIL

1 - H. et J.-M. Guilcher «La danse ronde en Léon», dans Annales de Bretagne Tome 59, numéro 1, 1952



# la mêlée

### DU 17 SEPTEMBRE AU 31 OCTOBRE 2019

En Résonance avec la Biennale d'art contemporain de Lyon Sur une proposition de Florence Meyssonnier avec la collaboration d'Olivier Hamant

Tiphaine Calmettes, La terre embrasse le sol

Programmation de rencontres :

Lundi 16 septembre à 17h

Situation : L'histoire et la dimension sociale de la terre

avec Samuel Dugelay, maçon, en charge du chantier et co-président de l'association De la matière à l'ouvrage, et Erwan Hamard, ingénieur à l'IFSTTAR

Jeudi 19 septembre de 18h à 20h

Habiter la terre, faits d'hier et enjeux d'aujourd'hui avec Patrick Degeorges, philosophe, Olivier Hamant, biologiste, RDP, ENS de Lyon, Ioan Negrutiu, ingénieur agronome et biologiste, Institut Michel Serres, François Daillant et Johann Monga, membres de la coopérative bocagère de Notre-Dame-deslandes

Mardi 8 octobre de 17h à 19h

#### Morphogénèse / sous-optimalité

avec Stéphane Douady, physicien, Olivier Hamant, biologiste, RDP, ENS de Lyon et Matthieu Calame, ingénieur agronome

Mercredi 09 octobre de 11h à 13h

Animation et formes rituelles collective de l'antiquité à aujourd'hui Permaculturel - projet du Magasin des Horizons - Béatrice Josse et Anne-Sophie Noel, Lettres et littératures grecques, ENS de Lyon

Vendredi 11 octobre de 17h à 19h

#### Interstice du commun, Hospitalité, émancipation et politique

Claire Fauchon-Claudon, historienne, ENS de Lyon, HISOMA et Claude Fischler, sociologue de l'alimentation, CNRS, EHESS

Lundi 14 octobre 17h à 19h

#### La fonction de l'éphémère

pain consommés ou gardés / poteries crues ou cuites, conservées ou détruites / fours fixes ou nomades.

Christine Armangaud, historienne de l'art

Mardi 15 octobre de 17h à 19h

#### Le monde revient

Construction et la transmission de récits autour de pratiques d'autonomie collective, enquêter.

Rafanell Orra Josep, psychologue et psychothérapeute

LA TERRE EMBRASSE LE SOL, 2019 MAQUETTE EN ARGILE CRU ET PROGRAMME DES INTERVENTIONS



















LA TERRE EMBRASSE LE SOL, 2019 VIEW OF THE SITE AND DISCUSSIONS









LA TERRE EMBRASSE LE SOL, 2019 VIEW OF A CONFERENCE AND DESTRUCTION AFTER THE STORM

## EN GRATTANT LA TERRE J'AI TROUVÉ MON EMPREINTE

## With Céline Pelcé

A bed of dark chocolate with flambéed oysters sets the scene. This is not one of those landscapes that one looks at as a passive observer. Its earthy appearance does not call for contemplation but rather arouses curiosity.

Its living relief, like a wild flora born of urban rubble, is full of secrets. There is no other way than to scratch and dig into its entrails with one's bare hands, not without a certain amount of courage, to discover its nebulous intimacy.

It is an invitation to a forward-looking regression, to gather together to experience a shared meal. Here there is no expected convention or disguised potlatch, no need to reciprocate. On the contrary, the host and his guests come to meet and merge through the magical and transformative force of the culinary act. Around the hearth, the exchanges create the place of the common. Once the bread of hospitality has been broken, the logical continuation of the operational chain, reciprocity emerges. The gustatory experience provokes an opportunity to reverse our eating habits in a bodyto-body relationship with what nourishes us and to pay particular attention to the stories produced by what we ingest.

En grattant la terre j'ai trouvé mon empreinte is the continuation of a series of experimental encounters by artist Tiphaine Calmettes. After Sympathy, Contagion and Similitude, a meal produced as part of the exhibition Cookbook19 with Michelinstarred chef Antonia Klugmann, the artist continues to explore our relationship to the world through our consumption patterns. Through the study of popular and mythological stories, rituals, and socio-political theoretical analyses, the artist investigates the relationship between humans and non-human living beings and our positioning in the capitalocene era. For this new performance, the artist joins forces with Céline Pelcé, a culinary designer who orchestrates performative dinners as a medium for poetic interrogation, which she links to the history of territories, culinary rituals and the gestures of artisanal trades.



EN GRATTANT LA TERRE J'AI TROUVÉ MON EMPREINTE, 2019 CRAW CHOCOLATE, WILD ROCKET AND FLEUR DE SEL PHOTO @REBEKKA DEUBNER

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EN GRATTANT LA TERRE J'AI TROUVÉ MON EMPREINTE, 2019 PHOTO @REBEKKA DEUBNER

## DANS LA BASSE LUEUR HUMIDE, 2019

EXPOSITION PERSONELLE ZOO GALERIE, NANTES

If ecological concerns seem at first sight to inform Tiphaine Calmettes' work, it is not so much through a moralizing aim as through deep aesthetic and sensitive concerns, the artist rather ingeniously re-evaluating the relationships that exist between architecture and nature, man and his environment: His interest in the ruin, for example, is not to be considered from the angle of a late romanticism but rather in the light of considerations linked to entropy, in the idea of a nature capable of reclaiming its spaces via the action of these famous ruderal plants. Relying on a wide range of reflections that go from anthropology to sociology, via esotericism and magical thinking, the artist revisits aesthetic registers that range from rustic caves to the Buttes-Chaumont park, where mimicry is achieved through an entanglement of the sculptural and the vegetal. In the tradition of Bernard Palissy, the great initiator of a fusion between the living and the inert, Tiphaine Calmettes revives buried artistic issues in favour of an emerging paradigm, that of the Anthropocene, where the place of the non-human is scrutinised with a new look.

The pieces presented at Zoo galerie are to be considered in this in-between period, favourable to the encounter between the coldness of concrete, synonymous with sterility, and wild plants, which adapt very well to this harshness. The «plant wall» installed by Tiphaine Calmettes in the gallery is made up of concrete slabs whose reliefs consist of the moulding of plant, animal and body part imprints. The artist has also inserted moss and lichen into the crevices of the concrete. Intended to be slowly covered by them, well beyond the time of the exhibition, this wall will create an evolving dialogue between the fixity of the concrete and the exuberance of the vegetation.

The monoliths that the artist has specially created for her first solo exhibition at Zoo galerie are part of this desire to reanimate the inert: the menhirs of Tiphaine Calmettes refer to the anthropomorphic stone of Pleumeur-Bodou1 as well as to an image of Claude Cahun in which the latter's arms seem to literally spring from the rock. Beyond the homage to the Nantes surrealist and the reference to successive cultic investments - the «standing stone» having been Christianised in the 17th century after having probably been erected in the Neolithic period for ritual purposes - it is all the relationships and projections between the living and the inert - animism and totemism resurfacing opportunely at the time of «modern» Christianity - that are summoned: Tiphaine Calmettes' practice seeks to give substance to practices and thoughts that re-enchant our relationship with nature.

Throughout the exhibition, incense figurines will burn as they are activated by spectators or mediators, to the sound of music by Antoine Mermet, composer of the album Bouche amplifiée, in what he calls a «sonic rumour», echoing the artist's proposal with a «cavernous and bucal soundscape. «

Finally, on the day of the opening, Tiphaine Calmettes will perform a piece created for the exhibition, which consists of a «consumable landscape», thus merging the aesthetic and ritual dimensions of her art into a product that can be eaten and metabolised by the spectators' bodies, referring to the thought of Emmanuele Coccia, who, in his conference on Food, Reincarnation and Politics2, questioned the need for species to consume each other in order to produce a world: «No species can limit itself to inhabiting its own body. It is obliged to enter the carnal house of the other, to occupy, to integrate the house of the other. To become the body of the other, to become the flesh of other species.»

## Patrice Joly

1 Le menhir de Saint-Uzec (en breton : Kalvar Sant-Uzeg) est un menhir situé sur la commune de Pleumeur-Bodou près de la chapelle Saint-Uzec en direction de l'Ile-Grande. 5 Conférence au Centre Pompidou, 4 avril 2018.



DANS LA BASSE LUEUR HUMIDE, 2019 EXHIBITION VIEW PHOTO @ PHILIPE PIRON



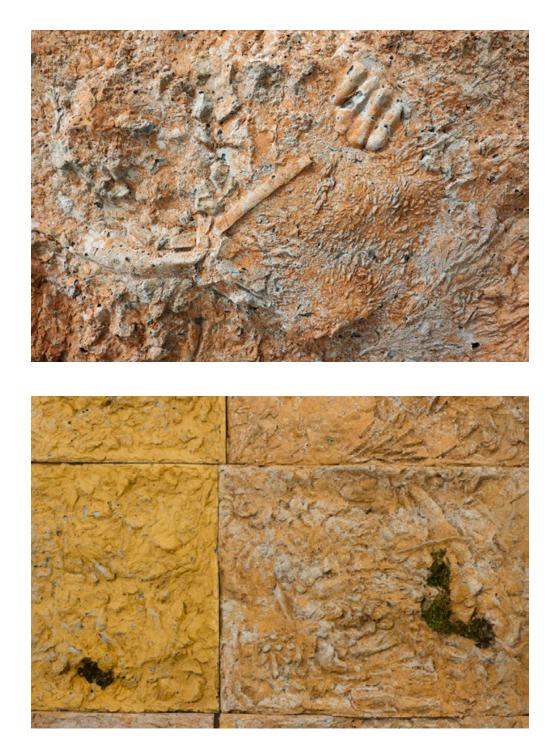


LES GRANDS MANTEAUX, 2019 #1 MÉTAL, RAW SOIL 230X80X60 CM #2 MÉTAL, HESSIAN, CLAY AND RAW EARTH SLIP 200X100 CM PHOTO @ PHILIPE PIRON











UN SENTIMENT DE NATURE, 2019 DETAILS







DANS LA BASSE LUEUR HUMIDE, 2019 CONCRETE, CLAY, METHYLATED SPIRITS, STRING VARIABLE DIMENSIONS















LES MÉTAMORPHOSES, 2019 PERFORMANCE, 20'. OIL LAMP, BAY LEAF, BREAD, SAUCE: MISO, BLACK SESAME PUREE, HONEY AND LEMON

and absorption.

## LE CLAIR DE LUNE À TRAVERS LES HAUTES BRANCHES

A performance by Tiphaine Calmettes & Bastien Mignot 50' Sound creation: Yann Leguay

In the room, people have settled in the space bathed in light and silence. The eerie strangeness of a full moon night Which is neither day nor night, Where one sees clearly but without colour. A stationary state of passage. Space is a living being, it fills, it empties. This night the words spoken, the gestures made, the objects manipulated address the forces at work to make them dance invisible dances of gathering

Tiphaine and Bastien went in search of the myths and rites surrounding the moon, the star of the night whose mysterious transformations and rebirths have been the source of much speculation. Is it a question of asking for support or helping with its rebirth? The artists use words, gestures and objects in an attempt to reproduce cosmic phenomena on a reduced scale.

Le claire de lune à travers les hautes branches (Moonlight through the high branches) is the first state of a nascent collaboration between Tiphaine Calmettes and Bastien Mignot. On this occasion they began a work at the crossroads of their practices where ritual and animism are at the heart of their encounter and their reflections.

Organizer : DDC / Les cinémas, Sylvie Pras, Géraldine Gomez



LE CLAIR DE LUNE À TRAVERS LES HAUTES BRANCHES, 2019 PERFORMANCE, 50'



















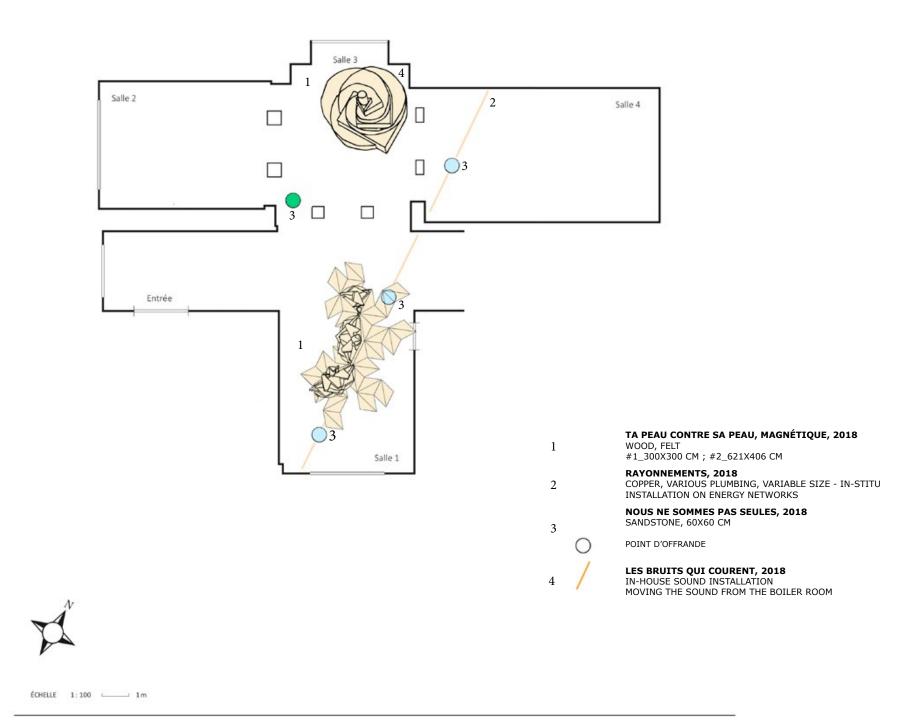


LE CLAIR DE LUNE À TRAVERS LES HAUTES BRANCHES, 2019 PERFORMANCE, 50'

## LE POUVOIR DU DEDANS

Now it's the turn of the "power from within". Curator Élise Atangana has borrowed the exhibition title from Starhawk, militant American ecofeminist and self-styled witch. In her Truth or Dare (1) she speaks of the "power-over" that rules the world and the counter-culture of the "powerfrom-within": this power-from-within is power from below, from darkness, from the soil; power that comes from our blood, our lives and our passionate desire for the living body of the other. Moreover, the political issues of our time are also spiritual issues, conflicts between paradigms or fundamental principles. If we want to survive, the question becomes: do we overthrow, not those presently in power, but the principle of power-over? How do we go about building a society on the power-from-within principle? To reshape the very power principle our entire culture rests on, we have to undermine all the old divisions and the distancing that makes us see ourselves as apart from the world. We're apart from nature, from other human beings and even from parts of ourselves. We see the world as divided up into isolated, lifeless parts with no inherent value. If, here at the art centre, we've been able to experiment- without naming it-with a certain kind of introspective, everyday "power-from-within", the power in question involves acting on the reigning ambience within the walls of this stone house, giving rise to an affective landscape where the gaze does not really have any power over, but where the entire body is invited to stroll or even just hang out within.





TA PEAU CONTRE SA PEAU, MAGNÉTIQUE, 2018 DETAIL @ PIERRE ANTOINE When the lava flow was fiercer than the shade, screaming and ripping up the ground, sulphurous and violent, still incandescent, driven by the rumbling chant of the encompassing vibrations, there spread a lavish liquescent dance. Hands tingling, it has been surfacing for a while now, slowly, drop after drop until the moment of overflow and contamination. Implosion, explosion–transformation. "We inhabit [space] and it inhabits us." 1 Caregiving is not exclusively a matter of the body; it also has to do with fauna, flora, dwellings and the ground beneath our feet. Along with other science fiction writers of his time, J.G. Ballard explored these relationships in his 1962 short story The Thousand Dreams of Stellavista, in which "psychotropic" houses exude the psychic states of their occupants. Like everything else, places are traversed by energies, being charged and discharged and sometimes clogging up and re-polluting their inhabitants. We can access an augmented experience of the world by being aware of this intermeshing of its components.

If I ask you at a given moment to pay particular attention to some tiny thing—can you see orange in this cloud, a face in this rock, a murmuring in the wind? Or can you hear your heart beating, your tummy rumbling, your face relaxing—do you feel your pelvis stirring? Your blood circulating through your body? Micro-bacteria travelling through your intestinal flora? Geobiology is a form of medicine for the earth and space, "a field of scientific research that explores the interactions between the physical Earth and the biosphere . . . Geobiology applies the principles and methods of biology and geology to the study of the ancient history of the co-evolution of life and Earth as well as the role of life in the modern world." 2 In practical terms it sets out to restore harmony between places—by caring for them, you might say.

A secret, silent and subterranean force. In 1913 the chief administrator masturbated at her desk out of boredom. In 1915 the young female nurse took the liberty of making up a Matricaria recutita (camomile) ointment for an inflammation of the mucosa of the respiratory tract. In 1920 the librarian caught herself stroking her breasts as she gazed vacantly into the distance. The other day we brought along herbal teas for memory, digestion and stress.

It's time to renew contact with our bodies, our flesh, our breasts, our genitals. Sfumato is the self taking its place beyond the boundaries of the skin, a generously radiant opening-up towards the other. The sky will have us soon enough, so let's look to the depths of the earth that have so much to teach us. Let's sit tall pelvis and as we relax let's share the ground that's so inviting; attentive to our gazes, poses and desires, let's take our places together. Looking at you I hear water, I smell burnt grass. You too, no doubt. The playgrounds created by architects and artists in the 1950s–1980s are usable, versatile visual forms. Also known as "sculpture landscapes" and "play sculptures", they offer the imagination and the body free rein. Later adopted by alternative education approaches like Steiner-Waldorf, they contribute to learning based on imagination and the development of personal autonomy. Can we think up forms and spaces that not only invite but also empower? If we are to take possession of space, maybe we need open-ended forms. Just what power do we have to occupy a place, to exist fully as a liberated, receptive body? What might the furniture of care-giving, ecstasy, and a feeling of ease be like?

The surrounding space gradually enters you. The waters intermingle, fine particles sucked in. Pause.





**TA PEAU CONTRE SA PEAU, MAGNÉTIQUE, 2018** WOOD, FELT #1\_300X300 CM ; #2\_621X406 CM @ PIERRE ANTOINE









NOUS NE SOMMES PAS SEULES, 2018 GRÈS, 60X60 CM

RAYONNEMENTS, 2018 COPPER, VARIOUS PLUMBING, VARIABLE SIZE - IN-STITU INSTALLATION ON ENERGY NETWORKS



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NOUS NE SOMMES PAS SEULES, 2018 OFFERING POINT GRÈS, 60X60 CM

#### SYMPATHIE, CONTAGION ET SIMILITUDE

Following on from the project Si tu as faim, mange ta main, initiated in June 2018, Tiphaine Calmettes continued to develop her research around meeting and research devices at La Panacée during the exhibition CookBook'19 with a project called Sympathy, Contagion and Similarity. For the occasion, the artist organised a round table in the form of a meal whose dishes were the moderators of a discussion around magical thinking and food, entanglement and commensalism. The device was then included as subject and object of the conversation led by the voices of personalities carrying different points of view such as Antonia Klugmann chef of the restaurant L'Argine a Venco; Claude Fischler - Sociologist (thesis entitled l'Homnivore - Le goût, la cuisine et le corps, Manger Magique - Communications, 31, 1979. La nourriture. Pour une anthropologie bioculturelle de l'alimentation, dir. ; Christine Armengaud - Ethnologist ( Le diable sucré, Gâteaux, cannibalisme, mort et fécondité ) ; Jacques Tassin - Researcher in plant ecology ( La grande invasion; À quoi pensent les plantes?); Gaëlle Faure - Plant alchemist and healer; Leslie Veisse - Curator of the Morland Living Lab; Ariane Leblanc, La Semeuse, research platform for urban biodiversity, Les Laboratoires d'Aubervilliers; Nicolas Bouriaud, director of La Panacée and co-curator; Andrea Petrini, co-curator of the exhibition and gastronomic journalist

#### **R22 TOUT-MONDE**

Debate by Tiphaine Calmettes for the programme: Résidences de la Semeuse and for the antenna: Les Laboratoires d'Aubervilliers Recorded at Morland Living Lab (75004) on 30 April 2019 Mixing: Victor Donati



SYMPATHIE, CONTAGION ET SIMILITUDE, 2019 ROUND TABLE / DINNER ON 30 APRIL 2019 IN COLLABORATION WITH ANTONIA KLUGMANN HOSTED BY THE PARIS ART LAB @CÔME CALMETTES

A MOCO - MONTPELLIER CONTEMPORAIN PRODUCTION FOR THE EXHIBITION COOKBOOK'19 AT LA PANACÉE, FROM FEBRUARY 9TH TO MAY 12TH 2019























SYMPATHIE, CONTAGION ET SIMILITUDE, 2019 DETAILS @CÔME CALMETTES

#### MANGE L'UNE DE TES MAIN ET GARDE L'AUTRE POUR DEMAIN

Continuation of a work in progress around antropomorphisation, edible ex-votos and autophagy, which takes the form of a ritual / workshop / workshop. This work brings together animation, care and food in relation to a critique of current society developed by Anselm Jeppe in his book The Autophagous Society. Anselm Jeppe uses the Greek myth of Erysichthon as a metaphor and basis for a study of capitalism, excess and self-destruction. Condemned to insatiable hunger by Demeter (goddess of agriculture and harvest) for felling a tree dedicated to her, Erysichthon consumes everything he owns and ends up eating himself. I wish to take up these lines of enquiry in order to question our need to attribute human qualifications to non-humans in order to be able to consider them.



MANGE L'UNE DE TES MAIN ET GARDE L'AUTRE POUR DEMAIN, 2018 ACTIVATED STORYTELLING, 20'



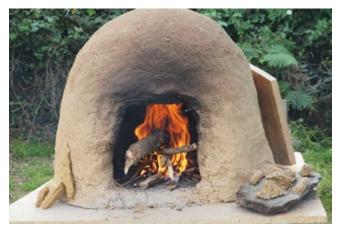
















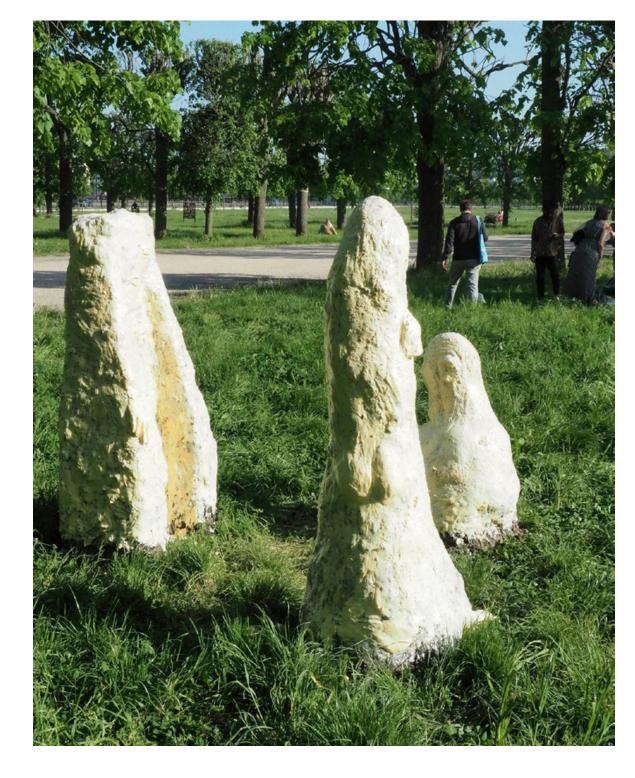




MANGE L'UNE DE TES MAIN ET GARDE L'AUTRE POUR DEMAIN, 2018 DETAILS

## ALORS QU'ILS DISCUTAIENT EN ATTENDANT LA PLUIE

Sculptures evolve according to the birds, the rain and the wind. The three layers are made up of natural or artificial construction elements, the first two are ephemeral, only the last one remains perennial. The project is subject to the external elements, a scenario is written from the materials that compose it, its future escapes us. Like the seeds they contain, different possibilities are open. The birth of a garden perhaps...



ALORS QU'ILS DISCUTAIENT EN ATTENDANT LA PLUIE, 2018 CONCRETE, METAL, EARTH, VEGETABLE FAT, SEEDS EVOLVING WORK, VARIABLE DIMENSIONS, 180X60X45 CM ; 170X45X45 CM ; 120X53X53 CM.





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ALORS QU'ILS DISCUTAIENT EN ATTENDANT LA PLUIE, 2018 DETAILS - ÉVOLUTION



LA NATION ET SES FICTIONS, FESTIVAL HORS-PISTES CENTRE POMPIDOU, PARIS 19.01-04.02.18

## NE FAUT-IL RÉCOLTER QUE CE QUE L'ON SÈME ?

The proposal of the artist Tiphaine Calmettes, Should we harvest only what we sow?, Is embodied in the form of a transformable herbalism, which is as much tea room as play space to rediscover the multiple virtues of the socalled «weeds». From the plants and their uses, the artist will introduce visitors to the ancestral practices of healers, shamans, or witches who, if they were often dragged or burned in the «public square», may have today a lot of stories and «wild knowledge» to transmit to us to redo our «public» spaces common places.

Camille Louis



«are we not looking for, like these ruderal plants, to insert ourselves into the cracks in the concrete, imperceptibly feeding the earth that hides there until it explodes?»

SOUS LES PAVÉES LE PLANTES, 2018 PERFORMANCE READING, 80'





















DÉTAIL, SOUS LES PAVÉES LE PLANTES, 2018 During «Les mains baladeuses» exhibition, a mysterious scene will undoubtedly take place, and be repeated several times: instead of strolling aimlessly about, their bodies free of all constraints, gazing at the walls and floor, visitors will meander through the «Arnaud Deschin, galerie», their hazy faces covered by plastic inhalers. At the beginning of the meals which Tiphaine Calmettes intends to organize, she would like the "onlookers" to turn into respirators, for the duration of a prologue. In his writings, Marcel Duchamp, whose statement: "I prefer living and breathing to working" is well known, described condensation, smells and exhalations. But never inhalations. It is nevertheless possible to imagine that the inhaler as object, with its sexual connotations and its mildly disconcerting character, would probably not have displeased the artist.

Imagining strolling round an exhibition and being less obsessed by what there is to see in it than by what there is to be felt in it here resembles a nasal dream; but Tiphaine Calmettes is not necessarily seeking the cancellation of one sense by the domination of another. On the contrary, all the senses should be called upon during this show, whose title nevertheless summons the sense of touch. One of the first «Les mains baladeuses» scattered throughout this presentation leads us precisely to this necessary sidestep: the gesture of the admonitory person does not display any exemplary narrative, but points to the gallery's pockmarked wall. What we must take away from the exhibition is within reach of the eye, finger, ear, and nose, and even papillae, as long as you dwell on it a little. Wandering Hands is in fact organized in two tempos: that of the exhibition, strictly speaking, and that of the meals, including inhalers.

The meals, which are the starting point of the artist's project, organized in collaboration with the chef Virginie Galland, inherit a vast tradition of art from the latter half of the 20th century, headed by Daniel Spoerri. But the Pantagruelesque and merrily decadent character of some of "chef Daniel's" meals are well removed from Tiphaine Calmettes' samplings during which you don't exactly stuff yourself: the above-mentioned inhalation of Artemisia tends to introduce a question about wild urban plants used in different dishes—dandelion mousse, smoked roots, lichen fritters, lobular gazpacho, chartreuse in walnut shells and other eminently poetic names. Cooked during Parisian explorations, these plants call more for a sort of sacred ritual during which the inhalation turns the palatal appetizer into a nasal appetizer. Will we keep- the preliminary Artemisia in our nose during the meal? Or, otherwise put: could it be that, without having had the impression of touching, we have nevertheless managed to breathe a work of art in its entirety?

For those who will not be able to partake of these meals, the exhibition is organized like a reminder of those possible gustatory experiments, and also offers its share of epidermic sensations: if taste is no longer summoned, the sense of smell is tickled by the imposing company of a still producing all day long a regular gargling noise, a sign of the current production of a natural floral water. The table use for the meals is presented separately on its trestles, and develops a foam where it is impossible to discern if it is the desolate mildew of an abandoned ruin or, conversely, a renewal seething with young shoots keen to spread. Maybe both at once, because Tiphaine Calmettes is fond of cultivating ambiguity. She is probably situated in the tradition of elders who have also

managed to transform mould, and make it a subject of melancholic study, though nevertheless oriented towards forms of renewal: as such, she tends to be situated with the brightly coloured bacterial cultures of someone like H.A. Schult, or the pseudo-scientific experiments of someone like Peter Hutchinson, rather than Dieter Roth's decaying heaps. It comes as no surprise to discover, in her earlier work, various proliferating figures like wood-eating fungi, which she hatches out by way of photographs, or a coral whose reproduction she has cast based on an engraving. Humidity, and thereby a potential source of existence, iontrigued her for «Les mains baladeuses», the same way as drought: the above-mentioned fungi and corals have rubbed shoulders with cacti, pebbles and earth. What is more, the hyper-tufa she uses for her structures is nothing if not an ambivalent material, in particular mixing supposedly sterile cement with fertile peat. As in urban wasteland plots where plants associated with ruins reclaim their rights, the table which Tiphaine Calmettes displays either vertically or horizontally is in a state of ongoing development, becoming covered with mosses and lichens depending on the day and the watering. The to-and-fro interplays she carries out between the natural and the artificial are carried on in «Les mains baladeuses», in the wake of older works where she slightly manipulated objects in such a way as to make the reading of them biased and arduous: thus we find a globular cactus whose thorns she had painstakingly glued together to form a not very spontaneous geodesic dome, or a rough stone carved so that its shadow forms a perfect tip.

For this show, the artist proposes an area of reflection, in which criss-crossing urban wasteland plots and gathering their edible and medicinal plants are first and foremost micro-political gestures. Wandering hands are those hands capable of pricking, scratching, squeezing, scraping and offering, but also clenching their fist. But here again, the gesture we imagine to be vindictive or even bellicose contains within the fingers seeds which want only to be taken out of their dormancy. Tiphaine Calmettes is not an activist, or even a farmer: her clay fists, devised from the nendo dango of Masanobu Fukuoka, designed to be thrown into fields to let nature work on them, are exhibited in a state of latency. Fukuako made the principle of non-action the basis of his agricultural theory in the 1970s, a principle which Marcel Duchamp would undoubtedly have appreciated. Tiphaine Calmettes, for her part, leaves the way open for speculation: it is quite obvious that if you let imagination have enough rest, it will germinate.

**Camille Paulhan** 







GNONS 97,5 X 95 X 95 CM



**LES SILHOUETTES, 2017** CONCRETE, METAL, PLANT MOSS, LICHENS, FUNGI 150 X 60 X 41,5 CM COURTESY ARNAUD DESCHIN GALERIE, PARIS

RUDUS, 2017 CONCRETE, METAL, PLANT MOSS, LICHENS MASON'S TRESTLE, METAL, RAW CLAY 100 X 80 X 200 CM - VARIABLE DIMENSIONS COURTESY ARNAUD DESCHIN GALERIE, PARIS

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**NENDO DANGO, 2017** RAW CLAY, TERRAZZO, SEEDS VARIABLE DIMENSIONS COURTESY ARNAUD DESCHIN GALERIE, PARIS

**POINTER, 2017** ARGILE, MÉTAL 8 X 15 X 11 CM COURTESY ARNAUD DESCHIN GALERIE, PARIS

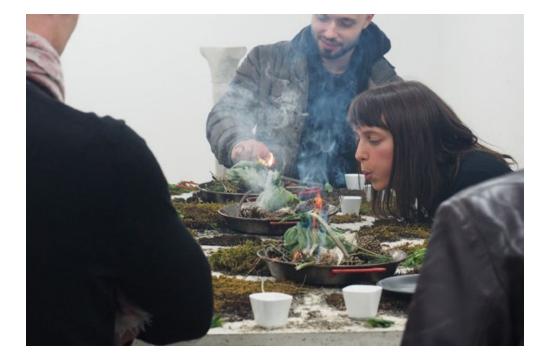




DORMANCE, 2017 LEGUMINOUS SEEDS, NYLON THREAD180 X 115 CM COURTESY ARNAUD DESCHIN GALERIE, PARIS









LECTURE GUSTATIVE, 2017 120 MN COURTESY ARNAUD DESCHIN GALERIE, PARIS

### 27/02/17

I took the road around 11:30 AM at the wheel of the car graciously lent by Martin and rocked by the CD of classical music that he also offered me.

It took me an eternity to arrive to my first stage: Arborétum Mlyňany. Much as I control the little blue ball in town by foot on my Google Map, by car it is so easy to miss an exit.

Arboretum Mlyňany is a botanical garden, let's just say that winter time is not the best to visit this kind of place, even if there is inevitably a charm from it. All the indications were obviously in Slovak, small labels hanging on the bare branches of trees were spinning, silent towards me.

Joining the stars pointed on my map in the idea of collecting images across Slovakia, this is how this exhibition began to take shape. But the story actually began a little earlier with the analysis from Muriel Pic of the work of GW Sebald. In her reading of Sebald's work, Muriel Pic develops the notion of the reversibility of images in their relationship to the moment of remembrance. Read in pictures as we read the tarot. How can memories from the past be used as clues to the future? This is how I started to think about images and divination. In parallel Quentin Meillassoux, a French philosopher, talked to me of another way of reading in objects with the concept of archifossile, challenging the scientific knowledge about times that preceded all human presence. Ancestrality and future would have in common to be based on the speculative reading of signs which it is very easy to question. Among the images collected, my eyes stopped more particularly on the shelves of the museum of natural history of Bratislava filled with fossils and corals, inert objects witnessing a previous life: organizations of random objects of constellar shapes, textures and motifs from caves and their stalagmite concretions, the proliferation of plants in unfriendly places, and other subjective signs.

There are more than a hundred divinatory arts, so any random organization would be subject to interpretation, prediction, story. Astragalomancy is part of it. Astragale is the name given in Antiquity to designate the game now called jacks, originally made of sheep bones. More known as a skill game it is also declined with Astragalomancy as a divinatory art following the same principle as dices. The method is simple, one throws the bones, each face is linked to numbers and each combination to a maxim. But there is also the divination by stones, throwing rocks, drawing cards, stars, or more obscure, miracles and monsters, etc. From these narratives all become possible, past and future coexist, the body seeks its place, leave its print also.

Photography gives time to forms to reveal themselves. They take up more and more space until the need to get space back is required. So a duplication takes place, the object goes beyond its image as the mirror getting closer to a new reality, emphasising the contrasts. "When the boundary between the inside and the outside rises, and that those also form poles where there is permeability from one to another, a new "between" is established."(Living from a Landscape or The Unthinkable of Reason, François Julien). It is in this "between" that doubt arises and that the imagination takes over to complete the story.





SANS TITRE, 2017 RAW CLAY





**SLEEPING BAG, 2017** SILICONE 160 X 60 CM





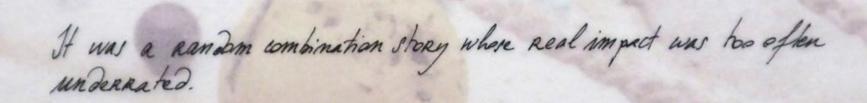


SANS TITRE, 2017 DIGITAL PRINT ON TRACING PAPER, ROTRING 15 X 10,5 CM

What did you know about them? How long have they been waiting to tell us their story?

M. plunged his/her hand, slid the balls between his/her fingers for a while before choosing one. It has always been a pleasure to make this moment last, when the gain and the loss remained unsettled until he/she looks at the draw.

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« Inanimate objects, do you have a soul ? »<sup>3</sup>

The mutation had already begun for a while without anyone noticing it. The veins began to swell. At first their colour became more distinct, then they inflated to form regular blisters striking the face.



They know how to look beyond them.

The walls were dripping. The porous soil transpiration breathed through the infra-thin gaps left by clumsy connections in between two plaster boards. No longer did we know, which one was leaking over the other. « The threat of something that had already occurred. »



VICKY FISCHER & CÉLINE PELCÉ D-fonds Mercredi 7 Août

SUPERFLUXION + JPK BACHE Gastronomixion Vendredi 9 Août

ALEXIS CICCIÙ Entomophagie Dimanche 11 Août

CUISINETTE Saw 6 project Mercredi 14 Août

LAURENT DUTHION Nourritures fictionnelles Vendredi 16 Août

PAULINE TOYER 1 bol 2 vert Dimanche 18 Août

LAURENT TIXADOR Machine à pâtes Mercredi 21 Août

EMMANUEL GIRAUD La chair et le sang Vendredi 23 Août

JULIE C. FORTIER Corporate Samedi 24 Août ୍ଦ୍ଧ LE FESTIN

> Un projet cuisiné par Tiphaine Calmettes et Baptiste Brévart

C D D, pensé et élaboré comme une émulsion, est à l'image d'un curateur choisissant ses ingrédients comme à celle d'un chef exposant ses dernières trouvailles.

#### Du 5 au 25 août 2013

Restaurant @ 2 rue Jacquard Paris 11<sup>eme</sup>

M Oberkampf

Le programme complet sur cdd-lefestin.tumblr.com

#### CDD - LE FESTIN, 2013

EPHEMERAL RESTAURANT FROM 5 TO 25 AUGUST 2013 IN COLLABORATION WITH BAPTISTE BRÉVART . COMMUNICATION: GUILLAUME ETTLINGER.











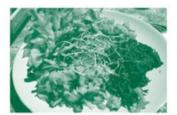






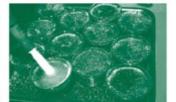


CDD - LE FESTIN, 2013 VIEWS OF THE MEALS

















Born in 1988 in Ivry-su-Seine. Lives in Célony and works in Marseille.

## Exhibitions

- 2024 They Are Looking at Us, Installation in situe dans le cadre de Una Boccata d'Arte, Porto Levante - un hameau de Porto Viro (RO), (it) Comissariat : Fondation Elpis et Giovanni Paolin
  - Une rêveuse rêvant d'une rêveuse rêvant, Installation monographique, au sein de l'exposition Mondes Sensibles : Une histoire sensorielle
  - *de l'œuvre d'art totale*, Musée International de la Parfumerie de Grasse Comissariat : Sandra Barré
  - Foyer Flux Fossils, Exposition collective,
  - CAN Centre d'art Neuchâtel (che)
  - Pratiques cosmomorphes (Ré)générer le vivant, Exposition collective Institut d'art contemporain Villeurbanne / Rhône-Alpes
  - *Sacro È*, Exposition collective, Fondazione Merz, Turin (it) comissariat : Giulia Turconi.
  - *L'aire neuve,* Laboratoire recherche performance, dans le cadre de Recommencer ce monde au CND Pantin, invitée par Jérôme Bel et Rebecca Lee
- 2023 Faire fleurir le salon, Exposition monographique, site archéologique Lattara - Musée Henri Prades, Lattes - en partenariat avec le MO.CO Montpellier Contemporain.
  - Giungla, Festival Lucca (it), invitée par Irène Panzanni
  - *I've got a feeling,* Les 5 sens dans l'art contemporain, Musees d'Angers Exposition collective - 26 mai 2023 - 7 janv. 2024
  - Chaleur humaine, Triennale Art & Industrie Dunkerque
  - *ĝardeno paradizo,* projet collectif mené par Mécènes du Sud, Sète Comissariat : Marine Lang et Anna Colin
- 2022 *Soupe Primordiale,* Exposition monographique, Bétonsalon, Paris commissariat : Émilie Renard
  - *Pionnières,* Exposition collective, Zoo Galerie, Nantes commissariat : Patrice Joly
  - *L'horizon des événements,* Exposition collective, Château d'Oiron commissariat : Patrice Joly

# **Tiphaine Calmettes**

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- 2021 - La Vie à elle même, Exposition collective, Centre International d'Art et du Paysage de Vassivière, commissariat : Flora Katz -Par le chant grondant des vibrations autour, 2020 Exposition monographique, Centre International d'Art et du Paysage de Vassivière, commissariat : Marianne Lanavère - *Rituel.le.s*, Exposition collective, IAC, Villeurbane - La vie des tables, Exposition collective, Le Crédac, Ivry-sur-Seine - Il y avait des odeurs qui marchaient - solo show Centre d'Art Ygrec-ENSAPC, Aubervilliers, commissariat : Guillaume Breton - Attiser le feu pour qu'il reprenne, Centre Céramique La Borne commissariat : Tiphanie Dragaut-Lepescu 2019 - La Terre embrasse le sol - ENS, Lyon - solo show Résonnance, Biennale de Lyon Sur une proposition de Florence Meyssonnier Avec la collaboration d'Olivier Hamant - We usedta leave deluxe issues of love potions/\*, One Gee in Fog, commissariat : Julie Robiolle, Genève - Si tu as faim, mange ta main, Paris Art Lab, Paris commissariat : Leislie Veisse - "Some of us", KUNSTWERK CARLSHÜTTE Büdelsdorf, Allemagne commissariat : Jérôme Cotinet-Alphaize - Dans La basse lueur humide, Zoo Galerie, Nantes - solo show commissariat : Patrice Joly - Les Nourritures Criées, CAC La Traverse, Alforville - CookBook'19, La Panacée MOCO, Montpellier Co-curators : Andrea Petrini & Nicolas Bourriaud - Le clair de lune à travers les hautes branches, avec bastien Mignot, Festival Hors-Pistes 14e, Centre Pompidou, Paris 2018 - Le pouvoir du dedans, La Galerie - CAC - Noisy-le-Sec, France commissariat : Élise Atangana - Festival Setu, Elliant (29)
  - commissariat : Marie L'Hours et Morgane Besnard

### FORMATIONS

2018 (suite) - Lundi soir, Synésthésie, Saint Denis

2017

2016

- Dans le cadre du projet engagente collective.
- Art Outdoor, Domaine Nationale de Saint Cloud
- *Continuitées et Dispersions,* librairie A Balzac A Rodin, Paris invitée par Azoyadé Baudouin-Talec
- *La nation et ses fictions*, Festival Hors-Pistes au Centre Pompidou, Paris - proposition de Camille Louis
- *Par éclat et par ricochet*, Galerie de la Voûte, Paris commissariat : Marie Gayet.
- Nous ne sommes pas le nombre que nous croyons être Bétonsalon Hors les murs, Citée Internationale des arts, Paris Invitée par Maya Tounta à investir l'espace d'Otobong Nkanga.
- Sur Rendez-vous, Arnaud Deschin galerie, Paris
  - *Les mains baladeuses,* Arnaud Deschin galerie, Paris solo show Avec le soutien aux galeries / première exposition du CNAP
  - *Décomposition d'une maison*, 116, Montreuil commissariat : Céline Poulain
  - Acte I Pourparlers et autres manipulations, DOC, PARIS commissariat : Clotilde Bergemer & Licia Demuro - juillet
  - Astragals, Phoinix, Bratislava solo show
  - *Le 6b dessine son salon*, Le 6b, St Denis, commissariat Claire Louna et Marie Gautier
  - Walipini, L'agence, Paris
  - L'objet Photographique, Galerie IMMIX, Paris
  - Vente aux enchères, 61e Salon de Montrouge
  - *Collection type #5, curateur* Arnaud Deschin, YIA Art Fair Carreau du temple, Paris
  - Berlin Est, Arnaud Deschin galerie, Paris
  - 61<sup>e</sup> Salon de Montrouge, commissariat AMI BARAK et Marie Gautier
  - Do Disturb (avec L'intercalaire), Palais de Tokyo, Paris

2013	DNSEP - Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Art de Bourges
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## **Résidences/Workshops**

- 2022 - Résidence dans la forêt de Liffré à Rennes en collaboration avec François Beau - Des Hommes et des Arbres, invitation de Regis Morel association Là-haut dans le cadre du parcours d'Art Contemporain L'Appel de la forêt en partenariat avec 40mcube 2021 - Centre d'art contemporain d'Ivry - le Crédac - Les laboratoires d'Aubervilliers 2020 - Centre Céramique La Borne 2019 - Morland living lab, Paris 2018 - Engagente collective, Synésthésie, Saint Denis - Atelier Vivarium, Rennes 2017 - The Spure, Sputnik Oz, Bratislava 2016 - Workshop Bricologie, La Villa Arson, Nice 2014/15 - Coopérative de Recherche, ESACM, Clermont-Ferrand 2011 - Art Camp 2011 avec le collectif Blue Sun, Mongolie. Acquisitions
  - 2023 FRAC Île-de-France *Extase*, 2020
  - 2020 Centre national des arts plastiques (Cnap) Il y avait des odeurs qui marchaient, 2020
    - Institut d'art contemporain, Villeurbanne/Rhône-Alpes (IAC) *Cartographie d'un possible repas,* 2021
  - 2019 FRAC Grand Large Hauts-de-France Les silouettes #2, 2017

## **Press & Documentation**

2024	- Revue Portfolio N°3, <i>Nouer un dialogue avec les objets</i> , Entretiens avec Lila Meghaoua	2019	- Atelier A, a - Tiphaine C
2023			- Tiphaine C
	- Tiphaine Calmettes, de la terre à la langue (où la question de		France Cul
	l'écoresponsabilité est si vitale qu'elle n'est plus mesurable), C. Gambi dans	2018	<b>At</b>
	Création artistique et urgence écologique, Culture et Recherche n°145		- Art press n° Introducin
2022			- Le Chassis
	- Expérimenter d'autres façons d'être au monde pour tout changer.		
	Entretien avec Tiphaine Calmettes par Adrien Rivierre, Résonances		- Pensées sa
	- Résidence Tiphaine Calmettes et François Beau Fauteuil style néo-	2017	La Orratidi
	baroque rustique, 2022. Forêt de Liffré, Création dans le cadre du		- Le Quotidi - Paul Arden
	parcours d'Art Contemporain L'Appel de la forêt, Association LA-HAUT		- Point conte
	- Tiphaine Calmettes par Andréanne Béguin, à propos de de l'exposition		
	Soupe Primordiale à Bétonsalon, zerodeux.fr		- paris-art.co - Géraldine I
	Tinhaina Calmattaa hâta daa man daa aan sihlaa nan Mailus Calaur. Laural		- Geralullie I
2021	- Tiphaine Calmettes, hôte des mondes sensibles, par Maïlys Celeux-Lanval	2016	- Boumbang
	Beaux Arts Magazine · le 24 mars 2021		- Bouilibalig
	- Capsules sonores thématisées, autour de l'exposition avec Antoine Mermet		
	- Au Centre international d'art et du paysage de Vassivière, devenir l'eau du loc - per Brune Barlier - Le Montagne	Dubli	cations
	du lac, par Bruno Barlier - La Montagne	Fubi	cations
	- Tiphaine CALMETTES   artiste   19 mai 2021, conférence ECOLE NATIONALE SUPÉRIEURE D'ART DE LIMOGES	2024	- SOME OF US
	Créateurs face à l'urgence climatique : Tiphaine Calmettes &	2021	
	Emmanuel Hache, Fondation Thalie (podcast)	2023	- Créateurs fac
	- Voir le vivant, avec Estelle Zhong Mengual et Tiphaine Calmettes,		Emmanuel H - Unfinished S
	La Suite dans les idées, France Culture		Saint Nazaire
	- Conversation avec l'artiste Tiphaine Calmettes, Art of change 21	2021	- EKES (Earth)
	- « Mise au corps » Dialogue entre Sandra Barré, Tiphaine Calmettes et	2021	Edité par Roz
	l'œuvre de Jean-Pierre Bertrand, Rencontre de l'atelier #2,		- « En résiden
	Fonds de dotation Jean-Pierre Bertrand		Aupetit et Ma
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2020	- Prix AWARE, par Élise Atangana		

- Atelier A, arte

France Culture

- Art press n°452, février 2018 Introducing by Alain Berland

- Point contemporain, 2017 - paris-art.com, septembre 2017

- Le Chassis, Cassandre Langlois, 2018

- Pensées sauvages, Anne-Charlotte Fraisse, février 2018

- Géraldine Postel, A Shaded View On Fashion, septembre 2017

- SOME OF US, Artistes contemporainexs, une anthologie, Manuelle Édition

- EKES (Earthkeeping Earthshaking) - Écoféminisme(s) et art contemporain

- Créateurs face à l'urgence climatique : Tiphaine Calmettes &

Edité par Rozenn Canevet et Camille Froidevaux-Metterie.

- « En résidence n°1 », édition conçue par Studio Kiösk (Elsa Aupetit et Martin Plagnol), avec des textes de Sandra Barré et

Léo Mariani produit par Centre d'art contemporain

- Unfinished Sympathy, Florence Meyssonnier, ed. Le Grand Café,

- Le Quotidien de l'art, Pedro Morais, novembre 2017

- Paul Ardenne, micro-trottoir, octobre 2017

- Boumbang.com, Pauline Lisowski, juin 2016

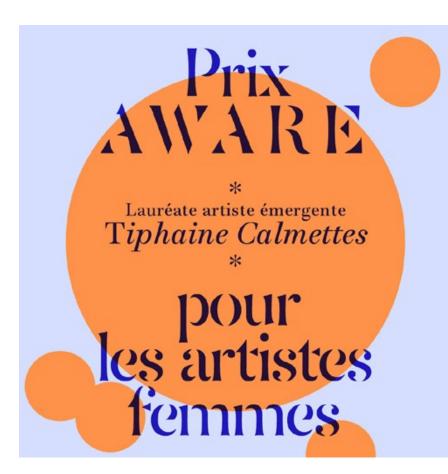
Emmanuel Hache, Fondation Thalie

Saint Nazaire

d'Ivry - le Crédac.

- Tiphaine Calmettes - Prolonger l'interrogation par François Guillemot - Tiphaine Calmettes s'expose à Lyon, Les Carnets de la création,

- Tiphaine Calmettes par Patrice Joly, zerodeux.fr
  - Tiphaine Calmettes, le goût d'apprendre par Annabelle Martella, Libération
  - Tiphaine Calmettes & Emmanuel Hache : Ressources naturelles et transition énergétique, Fondation Thalie





À travers des sculptures performatives, Tiphaine Calmettes explore les relations entre l'homme et son environnement.

Évolutives, les sculptures et installations de Tiphaine Calmettes créent de nouveaux modes de coexistence entre des éléments a priori séparés, sauvages et urbains, humains et non-humains. Incluant du béton, de la terre, de la mousse et du lichen, mais aussi des empreintes de plantes, d'animaux et de parties de corps, ses œuvres activent les récits qui informent notre rapport au monde.

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