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PRESS RELEASE

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T293, Via Ripense 6, 00153, Rome
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Tuesday to Friday 12 - 7 pm | Saturday 3 - 7 pm

In a dreamlike landscape where the boundary between reality and imagination dissolves, T293 presents "Eggo," the third solo exhibition of Caroline Mesquita at the gallery, a French artist born in 1989.

Upon entering, attention is drawn to an imposing installation that invites meditation. A vast flock of birds, crafted from patinated brass and kraft paper, stands majestically, transforming the space into a pathway that explores the theme of generations. The title suggests a play on words between "egg" and "ego," evoking ideas of genesis and age.

The large, stoic birds seem to watch over the eggs that are about to hatch. These majestic entities evoke ancient and universal figures, reminiscent of those found on Easter Island. Visitors are encouraged to move around them and approach their eggs in a more intimate relationship, revealing vibrant shells rich with new lives ready to emerge.

The contrast between the hardness of brass, capable of withstanding time, and the fragility of paper, a symbol of life's transience, evokes the question of impermanence and provides insight into the transformation of bodies, from the precious, radiant shell to the skin crumpled by life. The particular technique of patination used to color the brass is a process that allows colors to emerge from the material itself, like emotional and significant reactions.

The ceremonial atmosphere of the installation reflects a deep understanding of vulnerability and resilience, central themes in Mesquita's work. As we move among the works, every detail reveals the complexity of life and intergenerational relationships.

Mesquita invites the audience to question: "Have we entered a parallel world that we should not reach?"

The installation has been shown for the first time and produced by Le Parvis Centre d'Art contemporain in Tarbes (FR) for the solo exhibition Mundi de Ideis in 2022.

Caroline Mesquita (Brest, 1989) lives and works in Marseille. Her work transcends traditional definitions of sculpture, integrating elements of performance, film, and installation. For Mesquita, a sculpture is never just a sculpture; the objects she creates function as musical instruments, set pieces, and protagonists in her filmed narratives, challenging the viewer's perceptions and expectations.

Selected solo exhibition includes HAB Galerie in Nantes, France; Villa Médicis in Rome; Bourse du travail Centre d'art in Valence, France; Kunstforum Montafon in Austria (duo with Hans Schabus); CAN in Neuchâtel, Switzerland; Blaffer Art Museum in Houston; PIVO in São Paulo; Fondazione Pomodoro in Milan; T293 in Rome; Centre Pompidou in Paris; Museo de Arte de Zapopan in Guadalajara; Palais de Tokyo in Paris; Astrup Fearnley Museet in Oslo.

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COMUNICATO STAMPA

Caroline Mesquita
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Opening: 7 novembre 2024 | 18.00 - 21.00

8 novembre 2024 - 4 gennaio 2025

T293, Via Ripense 6, 00153, Roma

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Martedì - venerdì 12.00 - 19.00 | Sabato 15.00 - 19.00

In un paesaggio onirico, dove il confine tra realtà e immaginazione si dissolve, T293 accoglie "Eggo", la terza mostra personale di Caroline Mesquita in Galleria, artista francese del 1989.

All'ingresso, l'attenzione è catturata da un'installazione imponente che invita alla meditazione. Un vasto stormo di uccelli, realizzato in ottone patinato e carta kraft, si erge maestoso, trasformando lo spazio in un percorso che esplora il tema delle generazioni.

Il titolo suggerisce un gioco di parole tra "egg" ed "ego", evocando l'idea di genesi ed età. Grandi e stoici uccelli, infatti, sembrano vegliare sulle uova che stanno per schiudersi. Queste maestose entità evocano figure antiche e universali come quelle che si trovano sull'Isola di Pasqua. I visitatori sono invitati a muoversi attorno ad esse, e ad avvicinarsi alle loro uova in un rapporto più intimo che rivela gusci dai colori vibranti, ricchi di nuove vite pronte ad emergere.

L'atmosfera cerimoniale dell'installazione riflette una profonda comprensione della vulnerabilità e della resilienza, temi centrali nella ricerca di Mesquita. Il contrasto tra la durezza dell'ottone, capace di resistere al tempo, e la fragilità della carta, simbolo della transitorietà, evoca la questione dell'impermanenza e fornisce un indizio sulla modificazione dei corpi, dal guscio prezioso e luminoso alla pelle accartocciata dalla vita. La particolare tecnica della patinatura, utilizzata per colorare l'ottone, è un processo che permette di far emergere colori in modo autonomo, come reazioni emotive e significative.

Mentre ci si muove tra le opere, ogni dettaglio rivela la complessità della vita e delle relazioni intergenerazionali, portando a una meditazione sulle tensioni tra fragilità e solidità, vita e immobilità. Mesquita invita il pubblico a interrogarsi: "Siamo entrati in un mondo parallelo che non dovremmo raggiungere?"

L'installazione è stata esposta per la prima volta e prodotta da Le Parvis Centre d'Art contemporain di Tarbes (FR) per la mostra personale 'Mundi de Ideis' nel 2022.

Caroline Mesquita (Brest, 1989) vive e lavora a Marsiglia. Il suo lavoro va oltre le tradizionali definizioni di scultura, integrando performance, film e installazioni. Per Mesquita, una scultura è molto di più: gli oggetti che crea diventano strumenti musicali, scenografie e protagonisti delle sue narrazioni filmate, sfidando le aspettative del pubblico.

Le sue mostre personali hanno avuto luogo in spazi prestigiosi come: HAB Galerie a Nantes, Francia; Villa Medici a Roma; Bourse du travail Centre d'art a Valence, Francia; Blaffer Art Museum a Houston; PIVO a San Paolo; Fondazione Pomodoro a Milano; Centre Pompidou a Parigi; Museo de Arte de Zapopan a Guadalajara; Palais de Tokyo a Parigi; Astrup Fearnley Museet a Oslo.

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CAME 9399, Caroline Mesquita
Corneille, 2022
Patinated brass and paper / Ottone patinato e carta
360 × 150 × 150 cm (141 ¾ × 59 × 59 inches)
Head: 100 × 150 cm (39 ⅝ × 59 inches)



CAME/S 9401, Caroline Mesquita

Flamand rose, 2022

Patinated brass and paper / Ottone patinato e carta

360 × 150 × 150 cm (141 ¾ × 59 × 59 inches)

Head: 110 × 106 cm (43 ¼ × 41 ¾ inches)







CAME/S 9400, Caroline Mesquita
Pivert, 2022
Patinated brass and paper / Ottone patinato e carta
360 × 150 × 150 cm (141 ¾ × 59 × 59 inches)
101 × 87 cm (39 ¾ × 34 ¼ inches)



CAME/S 9402, Caroline Mesquita

Touterelle, 2022

Patinated brass and paper / Ottone patinato e carta

360 × 150 × 150 cm (141 ¾ × 59 × 59 inches)

Head: 100 × 115 cm (39 ⅝ × 45 ¼ inches)







CAME/S 9403, Caroline Mesquita
Glouglou / Dindon, 2022
Patinated brass and paper / Ottone patinato e carta
360 × 150 × 150 cm (141 ¾ × 59 × 59 inches)
Head: 100 × 105 cm (39 ⅝ × 41 ⅝ inches)



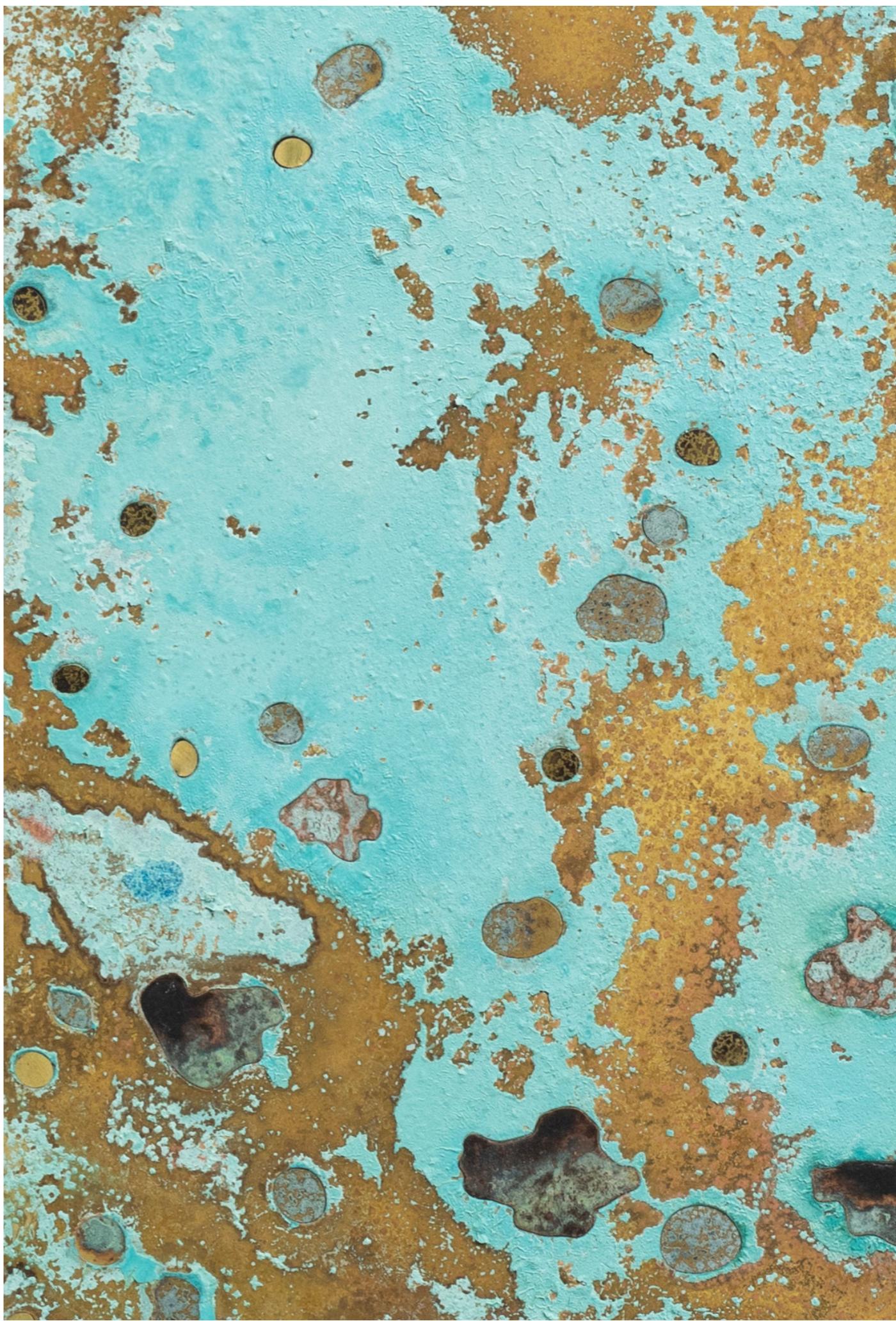
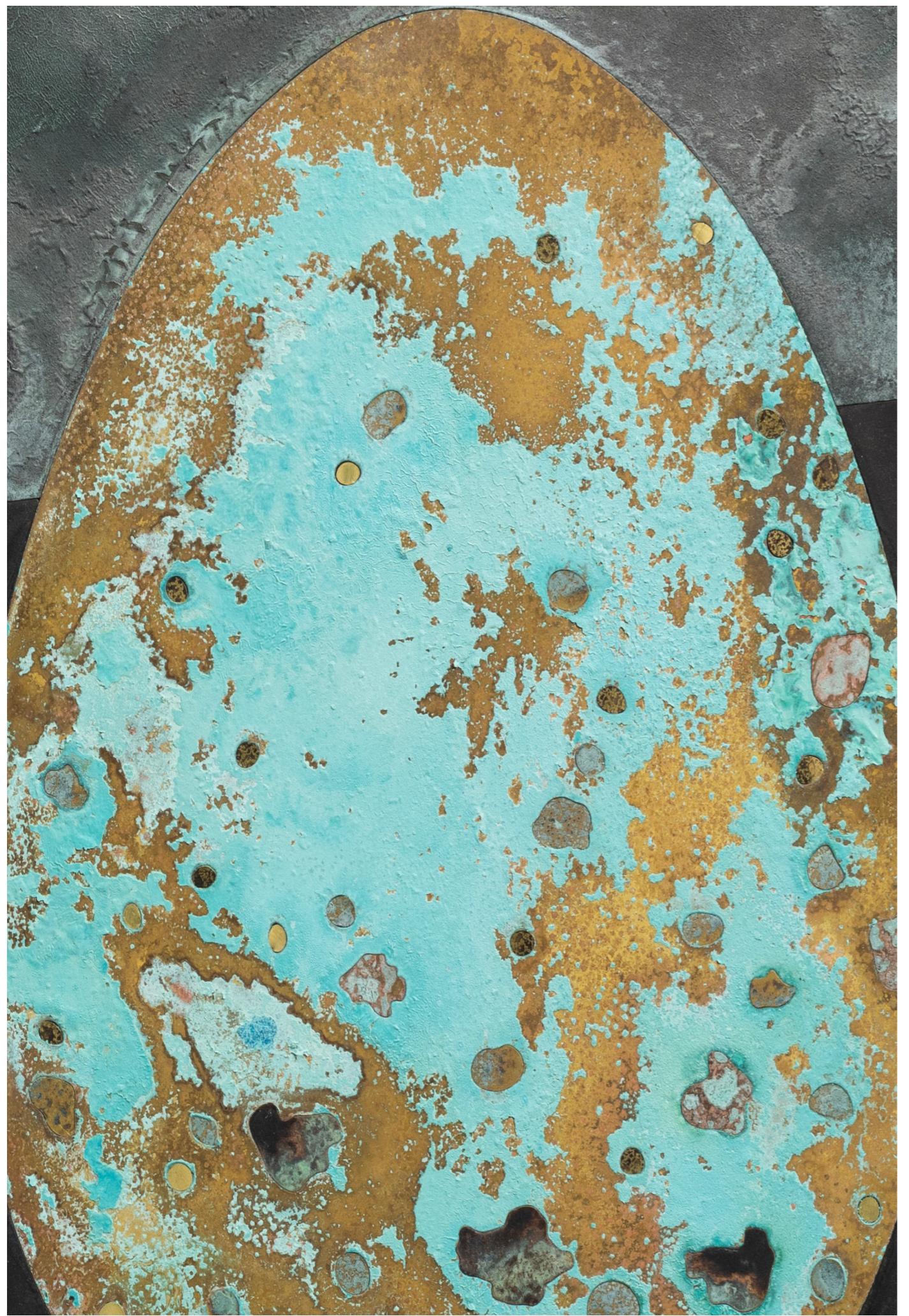


CAME/S 9384, Caroline Mesquita
Magpie egg (brown), 2024
patinated brass / ottone patinato
36 × 29 cm (14 ½ × 11 ¾ inches)



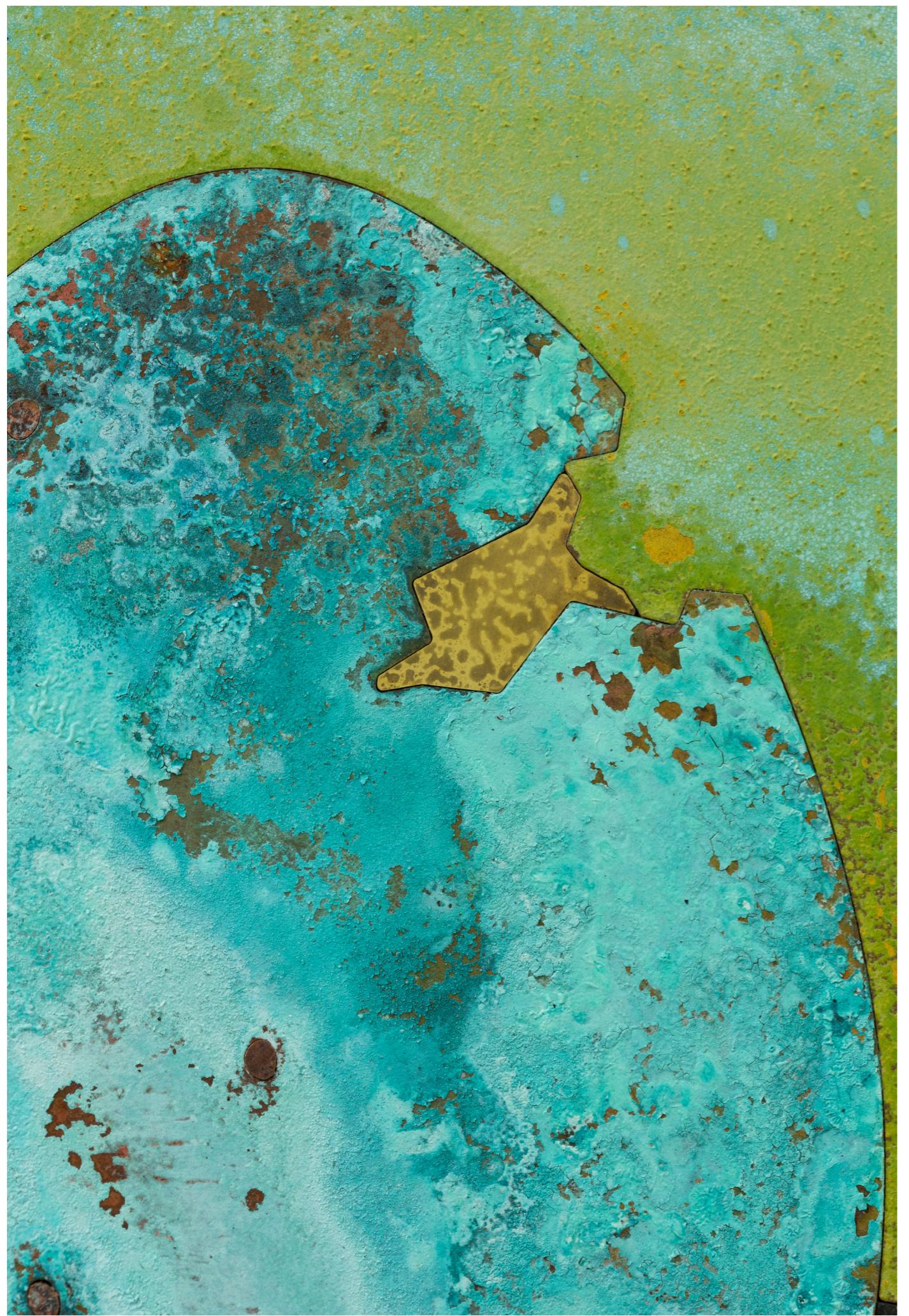


CAME/S 9385, Caroline Mesquita
Egg (blue I), 2024
patinated brass / ottone patinato
56 × 44 cm (22 × 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches)





CAME/S 9386, Caroline Mesquita
Egg (blue II), 2024
patinated brass / ottone patinato
36 × 29 cm (14 1/8 × 11 3/8 inches)





CAME/S 9387, Caroline Mesquita
Egg (blue III), 2024
patinated brass / ottone patinato
36 × 29 cm (14 $\frac{1}{8}$ × 11 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches)





CAME/S 9388, Caroline Mesquita
Egg (red I), 2024
patinated brass / ottone patinato
56 × 44 cm (22 × 17 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches)





CAME/S 9389, Caroline Mesquita
Egg (red II), 2024
patinated brass / ottone patinato
36 × 29 cm (14 ⅛ × 11 ⅓ inches)



PAST EXHIBITIONS

Hermès Window, Venice



PAST EXHIBITIONS

Hab Galerie du Voyage, Nantes



PAST EXHIBITIONS

Villa Medici, Rome



PAST EXHIBITIONS

Centre d'Art Neuchâtel, Switzerland



PAST EXHIBITIONS

Kunstforum Montafon, Schruns



PAST EXHIBITIONS

Blaffer art Museum, Houston, Texas



PAST EXHIBITIONS

Fondazione Arnaldo Pomodoro, Milan



PAST EXHIBITIONS

Kunsthalle Lissabon, Lisbon



CAROLINE MESQUITA

BIOGRAPHY

Caroline Mesquita (1989, Brest) lives and works in Marseille. Her work transcends traditional definitions of sculpture, integrating elements of performance, film, and installation. For Mesquita, a sculpture is never just a sculpture; the objects she creates function as musical instruments, set pieces, and protagonists in her filmed narratives, challenging the viewer's perceptions and expectations. Her artistic practice explores the fluidity of identity, constantly questioning the boundaries of bodies and materials while pushing the limits of the sculptural medium itself. Her characters—female dancers, musicians, mechanics, pilots, and cooks—embark on transformative journeys, seeking to escape predetermined social, geographical, and gender roles. In her films, she subverts hierarchies, allowing her sculptures to manipulate and be manipulated, creating a dynamic interplay between creator and creation. This fragmentation and reassembly of identities are central to her work, as she investigates the complexities of existence and representation.

BIOGRAFIA

Caroline Mesquita (nata nel 1989 a Brest) vive e lavora a Marsiglia. Il suo lavoro trascende le definizioni tradizionali di scultura, integrando elementi di performance, film e installazione. Per Mesquita, una scultura non è mai solo una scultura; gli oggetti che crea funzionano come strumenti musicali, scenografie e protagonisti nelle sue narrazioni filmate, sfidando le percezioni e le aspettative dello spettatore. La sua pratica artistica esplora la fluidità dell'identità, mettendo costantemente in discussione i confini dei corpi e dei materiali, mentre spinge i limiti del mezzo scultoreo stesso. I suoi personaggi, ballerine, musiciste, meccaniche, piloti e cuoche, intraprendono viaggi trasformativi, cercando di sfuggire a ruoli sociali, geografici e di genere predeterminati. Nei suoi film, sovverte le gerarchie, consentendo alle sue sculture di manipolare ed essere manipolate, creando un'interazione dinamica tra creatore e creazione. Questa frammentazione e ricomposizione delle identità sono centrali nel suo lavoro, mentre indaga le complessità dell'esistenza e della rappresentazione.

EDUCATION \ FORMAZIONE

2014

MSA, The Mountain School of Art, Los Angeles

2010 – 2013

MA Beaux-arts de Paris, Jury Honors, France

2007 – 2010

BA Beaux-arts de Rennes, France

SOLO EXHIBITIONS \ MOSTRE PERSONALI

2024

'Blue Hour', Sala Santa Rita, Rome (Upcoming)

'Verdet Bath', HALLE FÜR KUNST, Steiermark (Upcoming)

'Eggo', T293, Rome

'CuCo & CO', HAB Galerie, Nantes, France

'The thieving magpie', Hermès Window, Venice



2023

‘Art Club #37’, Villa Medicis, Rome
Bourse du travail Centre d’art, Valence, France

2022

‘Mid-Way’, Kunstforum Montafon, duo with Hans Schabus, Austria
‘Noctambules’, CAN, Neuchâtel, Switzerland
‘Mondi de ides’, Le Parvis, Tarbes
‘Portraits’, T293 Rome

2021

‘Noctambules’, Blaffer Art Museum, Houston

2020

‘IN VIVO’, Pivô, São Paulo, Brazil
‘Le Festin’, Passarelle Centre d’art Contemporain, Brest, France

2019

‘La Casa dell’Eremita sul Naviglio’, Fondazione Arnaldo Pomodoro, Milan
‘Astray’, carlier | gebauer galerie, Berlin
‘Astray’, Galerie Municipal do Porto, Portugal

2018

‘Astray (Prologue)’, Kunsthalle Lissabon, Lisbon
‘Os & Oas’ (with Tore Wallert), Jo Brand, Glasgow
‘The Machine Room’, Art Basel | Parcours, Barfüsser Kirche, Basel

2017

‘Night Engines’, T293, Rome, Italy
‘L’engin’, Indiana, RATS collectif, Vevey, Switzerland
‘The Visitors’, SALTS, Birsfelden, Switzerland
‘The Ballad’, 221A, Vancouver
‘The Ballad’, Fondation d’entreprise Ricard, Paris

2016

‘Pink everywhere’, Kunstverein Langenhagen, Langenhagen, Germany
‘Cream Sacrifice’, Jupiter Artland, Edinburgh
‘Some blue in my mouth’, MOT International, Brussels

2015

‘123 Soleil’, abc art berlin contemporary, Berlin
‘Windsurfers’, carlier | gebauer, Berlin
‘Bal’, SpazioA, Pistoia, Italy
‘Camping’, Union Pacific, London
‘Sloths’, Pavillon, Centre d’art du Parc-Saint-Léger, Pouges-les-Eaux, France

2014

‘Les Bains-Douches’, Les Bains-Douches, Alençon, France

2013

‘Tube’, 1m3, Lausanne, Switzerland

GROUP EXHIBITIONS \ MOSTRE COLLETTIVE

2022

‘L’amie modèle’, Mucem, France
‘Modernités cosmiques’, Fondation Vasarely, Aix-en-Provence, France
‘Festival Iminente’, Mucem, Marseille, France

2021

‘Capsule’, Buropolis, Marseille, France
‘La Diosa Verde’, Museo de Arte de Zapopan, Guadalajara
‘La Quinzaine Radieuse #13’, Piacié le radieux, France

2020

‘Sur pierres brûlantes’, Triangle France, Friche la Belle de Mai, Marseille, France
‘Unterschiedswesen’, Von Bartha, Basel, Switzerland
‘Your friends and neighbors’, High Art, Paris, France

2019

‘Futur, ancient fugitif’, Palais de Tokyo, Paris
‘The Assembled Human’, Folkwang Museum, Essen, Germany
‘Cosmologic Arrows’, Bonniers Konsthall, Stockholm
‘Fallen empires and refound desires’, Horst, Vilvoorde, Belgium
‘Big Orchestra’, Schirn Kunsthalle Frankfurt, Frankfurt
‘La déesse verte’, Eldorado Lille 3000, Lille, France

2018

‘The Gravity show’, Grisebach Gallery, Berlin
‘GRAND OPENING (SUMMER RAPSODY)’, KURA. at Fonderia Artistica Battaglia, Milan
‘Post-disaster Residencies’, Stadium de Vitrolles, France
‘Salle des Pas-Perdus’, DOC, Paris
‘Voici des fleurs’, la loge, Brussels
‘One long changing body’, Galerie carlier | gebauer, Berlin
‘CONDO’, Union pacific, London

2017

‘Les bons sentiments’, 19th Fondation d’entreprise Ricard Prize, Paris
‘Sticky Fingers’, Arsenal Contemporary, New York
‘Tender Comrades’, Studioli-Roma, Italy
‘Summer Show’, Carl Kostyal, Stockholm
‘NOTHING TO HIDE’, Sans Titre (2016), Paris
‘Parisque’, DOC, Paris

2016

‘COOL MEMORIES’, Occidental Temporary, Villejuif, France
‘I pledge allegiance’, On Stellar Rays, New York
‘Lodos’, Material Art Fair, Mexico City

2015

‘Mon horizontalité’, Saint-Ouen, France
‘Maladie d’amour’, Lili Reynaud Dewar’s studio, Grenoble, France
‘Le Bal Jaune special project’, Fondation d’Entreprise Ricard, Paris

2014

‘Explore’, FRAC Ile-de-France, Le Château de Rentilly, Bussy, Saint-Martin, France
‘Europe, Europe’, The Astrup Fearnley Museet, Oslo
‘Possibles d’un Monde Fragmenté’, Palais des Beaux-Arts, Paris
‘The Space Between Us’, Flax Foundation, Los Angeles
‘Memory Palaces’, carlier | gebauer, Berlin
‘Speedboat’, Nicelle Beauchene, New York
‘MOMENTUM? MAYBE THE TIME HAS COME TO LIVE OUR CORPORALITY RATHER THAN SPEAK OUR SEXUALITY’, PSM-Gallery, Berlin

2013

‘La Vie Materielle’, 15ème Prix Fondation d’entreprise Ricard, Paris
‘Barbarie’, La Generale en Manufacture, Sevres, France
‘La Salon des Testeurs’, Chalet Society, Paris

2012

‘Rob Pruitt’s Flea Market’, Monnaie de Paris, Paris
‘BYOB’, Palais de Tokyo, Paris
‘Skypy gang archange’, Le Commissariat, Chez Treize, Paris

2011

‘Nul PTYX’, Cité internationale des arts, Paris