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Caroline Mesquita

Mundi de Ideis - Blue Hour

December 20, 2024 - January 6, 2025

Sala Santa Rita, Rome



## PRESS RELEASE

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Opening: December 20, 2024 | 6 - 8 pm  
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Sala Santa Rita, Rome

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T293 is pleased to present 'Mundi de Ideis - Blue Hour', the solo exhibition by Caroline Mesquita (France, 1989), hosted at the historic space of 'Sala Santa Rita' from December 20, 2024 to January 6, 2025.

The exhibition unfolds as a poetic and joyful scene, where one human and birds of various sizes and ages meet within the church to engage in dialogue with the architecture and spirituality of the space. The French artist, known for her sculptural practice that intertwines material, form, and narrative, will bring to life an installation in which the figures seem to emerge from the darkness, enveloped by the blue of the "blue hour". This is the crepuscular moment when natural light takes on unreal and poetic tones, creating an atmosphere of suspension between day and night. It is a time of transition: when bodies awaken and fall asleep, when creatures come to life, when the hidden and alternative parts of the world find space to bloom and vanish.

In harmony with one another, almost like a festive and colorful gathering, these entities can finally coexist in a dimension where all hierarchies are nullified. It is a coexistence of different species, whose forms and visual references are rooted in the imagery of ancient cultures, evoking votive objects, amulets, and iconic sculptures. Created from patinated sheets of brass, the sculptures convey a universal sense of reverence and beauty, with a clear reference to the relationship between humans and the animal kingdom, often considered "divine" in mythology but today threatened with extinction or confined to domestication.

Is this the end or the beginning of an episode? Where are these creatures from, and who gave them life? Are they coming with a message to share with us? For Caroline Mesquita, it is important that the observer is immersed in the scene, to question his place in the world and his relationship with living beings.

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: 20 dicembre 2024 | 18.00 - 20.00  
20 dicembre 2024 - 6 gennaio 2025  
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T293, Via Ripense 6, 00153, Roma  
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Martedì - venerdì 12.00 - 19.00 | Sabato 15.00 - 19.00

T293 presenta 'Mundi de ideis - Blue Hour', la mostra personale di Caroline Mesquita (Francia, 1989) ospitata nello storico spazio della 'Sala Santa Rita' dal 20 dicembre 2024 al 6 gennaio 2025.

L'esposizione si sviluppa come una scena poetica e gioiosa, in cui un essere umano e uccelli di diverse dimensioni ed età si incontrano all'interno della chiesa per dialogare con l'architettura e la spiritualità del luogo. L'artista francese, nota per la sua ricerca scultorea che intreccia materiale, forma e narrazione, darà vita ad un'installazione le cui figure sembrano emergere dall'oscurità, avvolte dal colore blu della "blue hour". Si tratta di quella condizione crepuscolare in cui la luce naturale assume toni irreali e poetici, creando un'atmosfera di sospensione tra giorno e notte. È un tempo di transizione: quando i corpi si svegliano e si addormentano, quando le creature prendono vita, quando la parte nascosta e alternativa del mondo trova spazio per sbocciare e svanire.

In armonia tra loro, quasi ad una festa, colorata e festosa, queste entità possono finalmente coesistere in una dimensione in cui ogni gerarchia viene azzerata. Una coabitazione di specie diverse, le cui forme e i riferimenti visivi si radicano nell'immaginario delle culture antiche, richiamando oggetti votivi, amuleti e sculture iconiche. Realizzate in fogli di ottone patinato, le sculture evocano un senso universale di venerazione e bellezza, con un chiaro riferimento alla relazione tra l'uomo e il regno animale, spesso considerato 'divino' nella mitologia, ma oggi minacciato da estinzione o confinato nell'addomesticamento.

È questo il termine o l'inizio di un capitolo? Da dove provengono queste creature e chi ha dato loro la vita? Stanno forse portando un messaggio da condividere con noi? Per Caroline Mesquita è importante che l'osservatore sia inserito nella scena, per mettere in discussione il suo posto nel mondo e il suo rapporto con i viventi.

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.

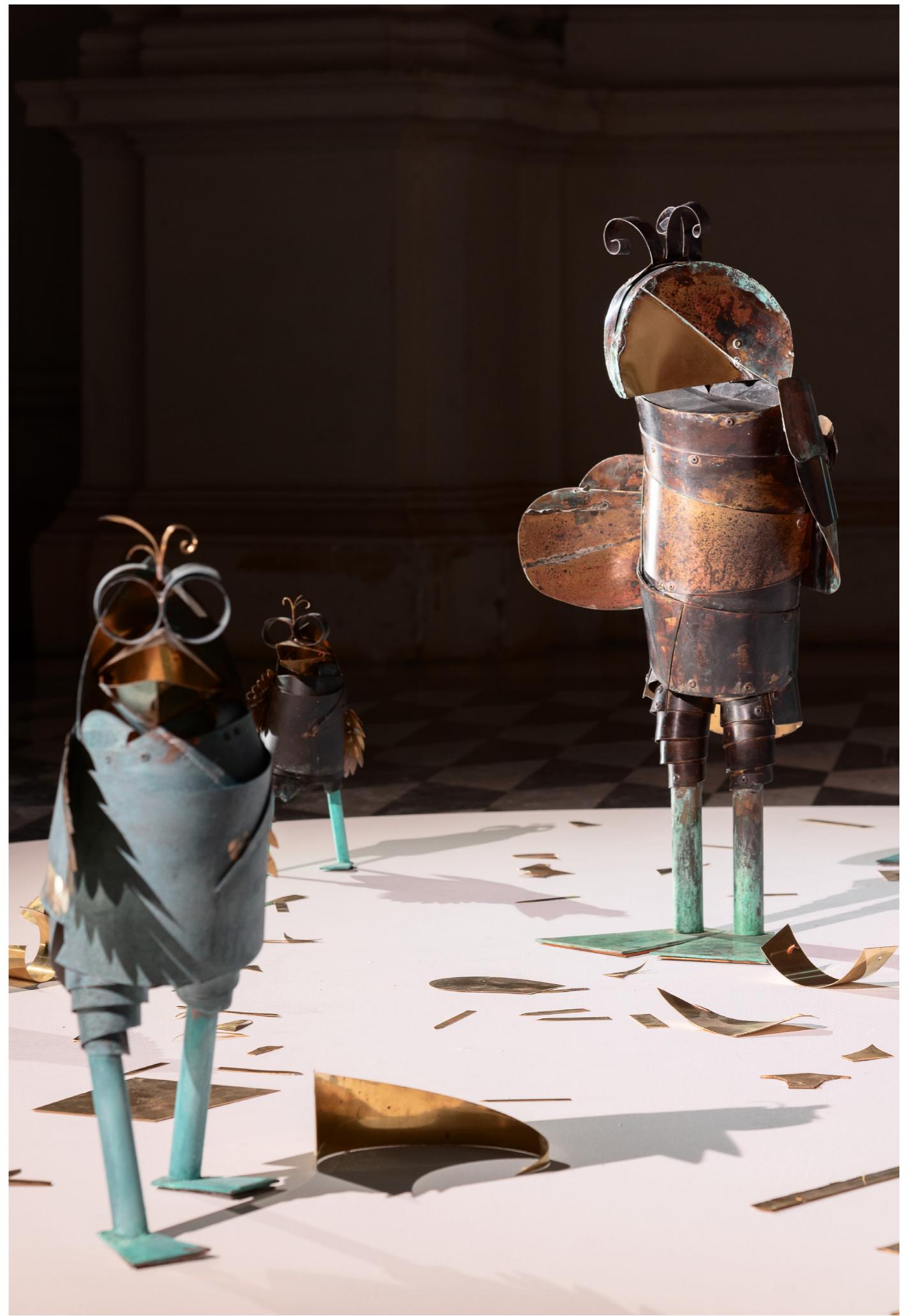
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CAME/S 9254, Caroline Mesquita  
Echassier Bleu, 2024  
patinated brass and copper / ottone patinato e rame  
180 × 45 × 70 cm (70 7/8 × 17 3/4 × 27 1/2 inches)  
15000.00 € (22% VAT excluded)

CAME/S 9442, Caroline Mesquita  
Rémi, 2024  
patinated brass / ottone patinato  
180 × 90 × 50 cm (70 7/8 × 35 3/8 × 19 5/8 inches)  
15000.00 € (22% VAT excluded)





CAME/S 9257, Caroline Mesquita  
Heron, 2022  
patinated brass and copper / ottone patinato e rame  
108 × 36 × 28 cm (42 ½ × 14 ⅛ × 11 inches)  
10000.00 € (22% VAT excluded)

CAME/S 9256, Caroline Mesquita  
Penguin, 2022  
patinated brass and copper / ottone patinato e rame  
 $78 \times 36 \times 28 \text{ cm}$  ( $30 \frac{3}{4} \times 14 \frac{1}{8} \times 11$  inches)  
8000.00 € (22% VAT excluded)





CAME/S 9443, Caroline Mesquita  
Moineau bleu (moyen), 2024  
patinated brass / ottone patinato  
 $45 \times 30 \times 30 \text{ cm}$  ( $17 \frac{3}{4} \times 11 \frac{3}{4} \times 11 \frac{3}{4}$  inches)  
6000.00 € (22% VAT excluded)

CAME/S 9444, Caroline Mesquita  
Moineau vert (petit), 2024  
patinated brass / ottone patinato  
 $31 \times 20 \times 22 \text{ cm}$  ( $12 \frac{1}{4} \times 7 \frac{7}{8} \times 8 \frac{5}{8}$  inches)  
NOT AVAILABLE





CAME/S 9445, Caroline Mesquita  
Moineau noir (petit), 2024  
patinated brass / ottone patinato  
31 × 20 × 22 cm (12 ¼ × 7 ¾ × 8 ½ inches)  
4000.00 € (22% VAT excluded)

# 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

'Mundi de Ideis - Blue Hour', Sala Santa Rita, Rome

'Verdet Bath', HALLE FÜR KUNST, Steiermark

'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