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Press Release

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« It's when life is most fragile that we get closest to our sensations and emotions. That is where I find inspiration. »

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Nour Fog graduated from Jutland Art Academy (Det Jyske Kunstakademi) in Aarhus in 2016. They work in ceramics, exploring the themes of gender and sensuality through sculpture. Sound, installations and performance are an integral part of their work.

Nour Fog was born in Denmark in 1981. They have made a name for themselves on the Danish and international art scenes in recent years. These series of artworks are created especially for Le Bicolore and will allow Parisian audiences to make the acquaintance of this acclaimed, highly original artist. This is the first time that Nour Fog exhibits in France.



Bubble, 2023
Clay and aluminium
© Nour Fog

The Genesis of *World Bubble*

Fog is interested in the « French connection » and the image of Paris, but not the idealized, glossy image. Rather, they have drawn on materiality - materials and references found in Paris - for some of the energy that has nurtured the exhibition. Louise Bourgeois is one of Nour Fog's great models and a major source of inspiration for them. Louise Bourgeois' sculptural works and in particular her talent for depicting the violent and the intimate are aspects Nour Fog attempts to incorporate into their own practice. Nour also appreciates Jean Arp's sober, corporeal visual language and Claude Cahun's play on and explorations of the body, gender and identity. At the same time as being nurtured by these numerous French references, Fog's artworks set out to open up new ways of working with ceramics by experimenting with formats, construction, assemblages of materials and installation.

World Bubble : Bubbles form in water. Life begins in water. Newly-formed bubbles are an illustration of life, springing from the stupendous, life-giving element of water after nine months in the amniotic fluid. This solo exhibition revolves around prematurely born infants, new-born babies and infants who require special types of care.

The exhibition *World Bubble* is about care and attention, about the new-born infant struggling to adapt to life outside de womb. More broadly, it evokes how harsh and unpredictable life and the age we live in can be. Fog explores the beings we become in adversity, how we relate to our emotions and sensations, and what role art truly plays in terms of creation and feelings. Despite being rooted in the artist's own physical and emotional experiences, Nour Fog's artworks have a universal dimension that leaves room for viewers to project their own stories into them.



Heart of ear, 2023
Clay sculpture and its cover,
ready for firing © Nour Fog



My children, 2023, ceramic sculptures on suspended metal plates © Nour Fog

World Bubble : unity of the arts

The exhibition is a total artwork made up of Fog's life experiences, references to other artworks and roots that go back to ancient times.

Clay sculptures take up the entire space : some lying on the ground, some hanging from the ceiling, placed in structures made of twisted metal and bathed in sound. For this exhibition, Nour Fog invited the composer Jirasol Pereira Ayala to create an original sound environment that questions the essence of ceramics and takes it towards new spheres. Fog works with clay and ceramics in a way that is sensual, visceral and spatial. With this new, very powerful series of artworks, the public gets as close as possible to the very essence and potentialities of ceramics.



My children, 2023,
ceramic sculptures
© Nour Fog

Biography of the artist :

Nour Fog

Since leaving art school in 2016, Fog has had several solo exhibitions in Denmark and has taken part in many group exhibitions. They received the Carl Nielsen and Anne Marie Carl-Nielsen Talent Award for their ceramic studies of the body, gender and the sea and were selected for the Danish Arts Foundation's « Young Artistic Elite » programme.

World Bubble is the result of a cooperation between Le Bicolore, represented by Gitte Delcourt as cultural projects coordinator, Augustiana Kunstpark & Kunsthall, represented by Hanne Lundgren Nielsen as artistic advisor, and the exhibition curator Catherine Lefebvre. The exhibition *World Bubble* will be on display at Augustiana Kunstpark & Kunsthall, in Denmark, from autumn 2023.

Exhibition curator biography :

Catherine Lefebvre

Catherine Lefebvre is an exhibition curator, writer and editor and has also been a museum director. She currently implements contemporary art projects in Denmark and abroad, chairs the board of the Danish-Swedish Culture Foundation and works for Art Music Denmark as a project manager.

Catherine Lefebvre has been appointed Cultural and Press Advisor to the Royal Danish Embassy in Paris with effect from 15 March 2023.



Bubble, 2023
Ceramic and copper wire sculpture
Metal support © Nour Fog

Press visuals



Self-portrait, 2022
© Nour Fog



Heart of ear, 2023
Clay sculpture and its cover,
ready for firing © Nour Fog



Bubble, 2023
Clay and aluminium
© Nour Fog



Bubble, 2023
Clay and aluminium
© Nour Fog



Bubble, 2023
Ceramic and copper wire
sculpture - metal support
© Nour Fog



*My children, 2023, ceramic sculptures on
suspended metal plates © Nour Fog*

Programme of events

Artist talk

Saturday, May 13 at 3 p.m.

Free entry, no booking

Guided tours

Thursday, May 25 at 5.30 p.m.

Sunday, June 4 at 4 p.m.

Duration : 30 minutes

Free entry, no booking

Ceramics workshop

Sunday, June 18 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

With Anja Kornerup Bang, a Danish painter who graduated from the school of fine arts in Paris.

Free entry, no booking

A documentary on Nour Fog : A portrait of the artist

Tuesday to Sunday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

(From May 12 to July 27, 2023)

Movie created by Immersive Stories for Le Bicolore, 2023

Free entry, no booking

For a full programme of events :

www.lebicolore.dk/bulle-du-monde



Artist's workshop © Nour Fog

Le Bicolore

The Maison du Danemark invites you to discover its contemporary art platform Le Bicolore, which combines an art space on the Champs-Élysées with a revamped website offering a wide range of online cultural experiences including podcasts, articles, digital events, virtual tours and videos.

The name « Le Bicolore » is an affectionate nod to the French national flag, the Tricolore. While endorsing the values of equality and diversity, it is dual, ambivalent and endlessly open to interpretation.

Through the lens of Danish culture, Le Bicolore posits that the world can be looked at in two ways. Topical subjects, freedom of thought and controversies are given pride of place, and curiosity is the watchword. Le Bicolore questions itself and its public, inviting them to join the conversation between the French and Danish arts scenes.

Le Bicolore endeavours to fathom, catalyse and reflect the creative dynamics at work in Denmark and our world today, starting from the premise that aesthetic and sensory experiences are as essential as meetings and debate for conveying ideas. The aim is to create memorable experiences that will spark curiosity about Denmark and its autonomous territories, the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

Exhibition partners

The exhibition *World Bubble* is presented in collaboration with Augustiana Kunstpark & Kunsthall, Denmark, with support from Augustinus Fonden, New Carlsberg Foundation and the Danish Arts Council.

Press preview on 10.05.2023 at 9.30 a.m.

Visitor preview on 11.05.2023 at 7.00 p.m.

Practical informations

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