

**International
Video Art
Festival**

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**THE
GREAT
GAME**

**15.11
>1.12
2024
NICE +**

Press Release

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The 10th edition ! Le Grand Jeu

OVNi is an adventure that since 2015 has been exploring the exciting history of video art, the only artistic medium that constantly evolves with its technology. For its artistic director Nathalie Amae 'Le Grand Jeu (*The Great Game*) is a title that resonates like a credo, a device reminiscent of the "performative" dimension of video'.

■ The Mentor and Guest Artist of the 2024 edition

OVNi is delighted to announce:

Jacques Rougerie, mentor of the edition, visionary architect and member of the Académie des Beaux-Arts.

Helene Delprat, guest of honour, a major figure on the contemporary art scene who excels in *Serio Ludere*.

■ OVNi: the highlights

Le Grand Jeu (*The Great Game*) exhibitions and events

A 1200m² group exhibition at the 109 - Pôle des cultures contemporaines in Nice, 5 major solo exhibitions hosted in the Côte d'Azur's top heritage sites, 5 group exhibitions produced for the Hotels Itinerary, 10 associated programmes, 10 events and 60 national and international partners over the 18 days.

The two OVNi Awards / International Jury

- **Cosmopolis Award**,

Artists' projects supported by the cultural departments of embassies, foundations and international cultural centres. The Prize is endowed with a 5000€ creation grant thanks to the patronage of the Centre de Haute Energie de Nice (CHE).

- **Sud Emergence Award**,

Dedicated to artists living in Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur and - **new for 2024 - extended to Occitanie and Monaco!** A 2000€ grant supported by the **OVNi Friends Circle**, including a month's writing or Creative Residency.

Carte Blanche Le Fresnoy – Studio national des arts contemporains x Fondation Louis Roederer

The Louis Roederer Foundation & Le Fresnoy - Studio national des arts contemporains, sharing the same determination to support bold and singular creativity, are launching the **Carte Blanche Art & Science**. The award-winning work will be shown during OVNi at the Fondation Maeght, Saint-Paul-de-Vence.

■ Creation of OVNi Friends Circle

The Circle's first action was to support the Award for Sud Emergence.

■ OVNi since 2015

- + **1000** artists exhibited
- + **1300** videos shown
- + **500** partners
- + **76 countries** represented
- in 2023** : + de 11000 visits

Under the impetus of its founder and director Odile Redolfi, the Festival was born out of a desire to bring together internationally renowned artists with emerging artists and new practices, to introduce contemporary creation to the **Côte d'Azur's** tourist and museum **heritage sites**, and to bring together, through original programming, all the cultural and artistic players defending the moving image.

■ OVNi : a two-part festival

- **Cities Itinerary** : 15.11 > 01.12

The opening of the Festival at 109 - Pôle des cultures contemporaines marks the opening of the Cities Itinerary. On the program: exhibitions, an Art & Science Meeting, screenings, performances, and original random squares (interstitial pastilles/shorts) from a new proposition "*Quand Une œuvre Rencontre le Spectateur par Hasard*" (QUCETLSPH).

- **Hotels Itinerary**: 29.11 > 01.12

Acme of the Festival with the Cosmopolis Project, and the Sud Emergence and 'Guest Curator' programs, at Le Grimaldi, The Deck Hotel, Le Windsor...

■ **RDV : Wednesday 19th of June, 10am**
Public presentation
of the 2024 edition in Paris
Maison Victor Hugo, Place des Vosges
café Mulot

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