



PIÈCES À PROBLÈMES Robert Dawson and Richard Slee

Musée Ariana, 18 June 2021 – 9 January 2022

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From 18 June to 9 January 2022, the Musée Ariana is delighted to be able at last to present *Pièces à Problèmes*. Robert Dawson and Richard Slee in its contemporary gallery. While pursuing their own aesthetically contrasting artistic approaches, the two British artists share a certain vision of the world that never fails to surprise!

Robert Dawson was the instigator behind *Pièces à Problèmes*, an idea that developed from his links with Geneva, where he grew up, and his interest in the Ariana. He then sifted through its collections and explored the museum's architecture before proposing a joint exhibition with his former teacher and friend Richard Slee, the internationally renowned ceramist.

Robert Dawson and Richard Slee take an eccentric look at contemporary realities. Though their ceramic expressions differ considerably, both artists constantly question everyday life, challenging the commonplace and shaking up conventions. They have long drawn their inspiration from the history of ceramics and the decorative arts, without ever resorting to nostalgia or aestheticism. While both artists share a focus on subverting found motifs and/or objects, for this exhibition Robert Dawson has immersed himself in the museum's collections and its building.

The Musée Ariana presents here a panoply of artworks that are sometimes destabilising but often full of humour, stirring up preconceived ideas and offering an original perspective on the world.

Programme

Guided tours Free | No pre-booking required

Sundays 20 June (with the curator) and 19 September at 11am

Sundays 3 October, 7 November 2021 and 9 January 2022 at 3pm

Thematic tours Free | No pre-booking required

Discover the objects at the Musée Ariana that inspired Robert Dawson

The Museum and its Architecture Sunday 12 September at 11am

Objects from the Collection Sunday 17 October at 11am

Un musée à croquer! | Tour and museum-inspired drawing workshop led by Léa Roth, artist

Sundays 12 September and 28 November at 2.30pm | duration 2½ hours

For anyone 15 years and over, no prerequisites needed, 40 CHF | Pre-booking required (max. 9 participants)

All tours and events are in French unless otherwise stated.

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