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UWE WITTWER, AIKO WATANABE, JÜRIG HALTER The Imaginary House

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With *The Imaginary House*, the Musée Ariana opens up to the plurality of artistic expression by bringing together cinema, painting, ceramics and poetry in the same exhibition. Three artists with an original approach are thus invited. The painter Uwe Wittwer, the ceramist Aiko Watanabe and the poet Jürg Halter cross their practice and their vision starting from the same source of inspiration, a Japanese cult film whose protagonist is a potter.

The starting point of this exhibition is the cult film by Kenji Mizoguchi (1898-1956): *A Misty Moon after the Rain* (in Japanese « Ugetsu monogatari ») 1953. The film tells the story of a potter and his family in the 16th century. This romance set on the shores of Lake Biwa against the backdrop of civil war, filmed like a black and white painting mixes reality and spirits, love, ambition and loss.

Drawing inspiration from this fertile ground, Uwe Wittwer (Switzerland 1954), Aiko Watanabe (Japan, 1971), and Jürg Halter (Switzerland 1980) express their personal vision of the film through their individual artistic discipline. Thus Uwe Wittwer's watercolours and digital prints participate in a rich dialogue with Aiko Watanabe's stoneware and Jürg Halter's short poems.

Guided visits

Sundays : 24th January and 7th March 2021 at 3 pm

28th February 2021 and 4th April at 11pm (free visits, paid admission to the exhibition except on the first Sunday of the month)

Public viewing of the film

Sunday 24th January 2021 at 4 pm: Kenji Mizoguchi, *A Misty Moon after the Rain* (1h37)

Free screening within the limit of available seats, registration required

Jürg Halter- Poésie & musique

Saturday 6th February 2021 at 4 pm, preceded by a visit at 3.30 pm

Free performance and visit, registration required

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