



## CUPS! Through the eyes of Lionel Latham

Musée Ariana, 18 June 2021 – 31 July 2022

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The Musée Ariana is giving pride of place to the cup in the twelve showcases around its upper gallery from 18 June 2021 to 31 July 2022. The exhibition *Cups!* through the trained eye of Lionel Latham, collector and gallery owner in Geneva, takes us on a journey through the history of this very familiar small recipient from the 1900s to the present day.

An everyday, collectible or historical object, the cup has always reflected evolutions in the stylistic and decorative tastes of its contemporaries. Fashioned in all shapes and sizes by many generations of craftsmen and manufacturers, it has also become, over time, a true medium of expression for designers and artists. Whether left bare or decorated with motifs, the cup seduces us by its elegant lines or surprises us by the inexpedient appearance of certain models. Or when visual pleasures transcend those of our taste buds...

Lionel Latham, gallerist in Geneva for 40 years, takes a personal and expert look at the history of this familiar little recipient and its trusty saucer from the 1900s to the present day through a display of 101 cups. The creations of the Langenthal manufactory in Switzerland, together with examples linked to major national or international exhibitions, act as guiding threads for visitors browsing the 12 showcases in this exhibition, each illustrating a different decade.

### Programme

**Guided tours** Free | No pre-booking required

Sundays: 20 June 2021 at 4pm; 5 September 2021 at 3pm (with Lionel Latham)  
14 November 2021 at 3pm; 6 February, 3 April and 12 June 2022 at 3pm

**Thematic tours** Free | No pre-booking required

**Cups! Dialoguing with the Musée Ariana's collections**

Sundays at 3pm:

*The Creation of a Form*, 17 October 2021

*From Coffee Grain to Cup*, 20 March 2022

All tours and events are in French unless otherwise stated.

**For more information** [www.musee-ariana.ch](http://www.musee-ariana.ch)

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