

# ariana



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geneva

## **CABINET OF EXQUISITE BODIES**

**An impertinent stroll through two Genevan collections**  
**Contemporary Art Fund (FMAC) | Musée Ariana**  
**Musée Ariana, from 12<sup>th</sup> April to 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

Geneva, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

From 12<sup>th</sup> April to 8<sup>th</sup> September, the Musée Ariana is inviting the City of Geneva Contemporary Art Fund (FMAC) to set up a dialogue between their respective collections. The presentation of the works – around a hundred in total – resembles a treasure hunt, based on imagery, textures and forms, in an always open face-to-face.

Constructed along the lines of exquisite corpse compositions, this exhibition leads visitors through a series of encounters with contemporary creations. Paintings, videos, collages, textiles, drawings and sculptures make up this disparate collection of artistic mediums or practices, dating from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century to the present day (complemented by a few 19<sup>th</sup> century pieces).

Mutilated or headless bodies, poetic skulls, amorous skeletons, mythical mountain, nomadic forest, atomic mushrooms, nuclear power plants, hybrid creatures, endearing monsters, mischievous spirits, bizarre animals and broken porcelain meet and intermingle at successive points of convergence or dissonance.

Visitors are invited to immerse themselves in a chaotic world where a myriad of colourful shapes and characters and real or imaginary figures compose a rich mosaic of the strange; a mix of fantasy, humour and provocation. This game of correspondences opens up to multiple interpretation.

### **Guided Tours**

Sunday 14 April at 11am with the two curators; Sundays 5 May, 23 June and 8 September at 11am with a FMAC cultural interpreter and a Musée Ariana cultural interpreter.

### **Press visits on request**

**Exhibition preview: Thursday 11 April at 7pm**

Press pack and visuals downloadable here or on our website: [www.ariana-geneve.ch](http://www.ariana-geneve.ch)

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