

# Sneak Peek: What to See at Outsider Art Fair Paris 2016

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The fourth edition of Outsider Art Fair Paris (OAF Paris), the French edition of the original art fair dedicated to self-taught art created outside the mainstream, is currently taking place at Hôtel du Duc until October 23 with a lineup of 38 galleries, including 15 new exhibitors.

Presented by Wide Open Arts, OAF Paris 2016 places renewed emphasis on historical Art Brut with the debut of Les Yeux Fertiles (Paris) and Galerie Chave (Vence), exhibiting the work of historic artists such as Gaston Chaissac, Eugène Gabritschevsky, Francis Palanc, Georges Lauro, and Slavko Kopač.

According to Andrew Edlin, CEO of Wide Open Arts, as the recognition of Outsider art and Art Brut continues to expand, the Paris fair promises to be more dynamic than ever. “With the most prestigious galleries on hand, along with upstart dealers, visitors can count on the unexpected,” he said.

Highlights of the 2016 OAF Paris program include an exhibition on Mediumistic art curated by Gérard Audinet, director of Maison de Victor Hugo, and a panel moderated by curator Emmanuel Daydé, titled “Beyond Art, the Art of the Afterlife,” tracing the lineage of mediumistic art.

A second curated space will feature a presentation of works by the late Austrian artist Franz Huemer (1924-2012), who after suffering trauma as a World War II prisoner of war, experienced hallucinations, was hospitalized, and later developed a method of putting himself into ecstatic trances.

The galleries participating in this year's OAF Paris are:

*Belgium*, **Brussels**: Ritsch Fisch; **Geel**: Kunsthuis Yellow Art; **Vielsalm**: La S Grand Atelier; *France*: **Besançon**: Galerie Jean Greset; **Marseille**: Galerie Polysemie; **Paris**: Galerie Beatrice Soulie, Galerie Claire Corcia, Escale Nomad, Galerie Anders Hus, Galerie Frédéric Moisan, Galerie Paul, Halle Saint Pierre, Galerie Hervé Courtaigne, Galerie Les Yeux Fertiles, Marie Finaz Gallery; **Sète**: La Pop Galerie; **St Sever du Moustier**: Galerie Lemétais; **Vence**: Galerie Chave; *Italy*, **Genoa**: M&M Gallery;

**Milan:** Maroncelli 12; **Parma:** Galeria Centro Steccata; **Turin:** Rizomi Art Brut; *Luxembourg, Luxembourg:* Galerie Toxic; *The Netherlands,* **Oegstgeest:** Olof Art; *Russia,* **Moscow:** Art Naïve Gallery; *Switzerland,* **Lausanne:** Galerie du Marché; *The United Kingdom,* **Chichester:** Pallant House; **London:** England & Co; **Watford:** Raw Vision; *USA,* **Los Angeles, CA:** Good Luck Gallery; **Oakland, CA:** Creative Growth Gallery; **Kingston, NY:** One Mile Gallery; **New York, NY:** Andrew Edlin Gallery, Cavin Morris Gallery, Ricco Maresca Gallery, Shrine, Y Gallery; **Chattanooga, TN :** Tanner Hill Gallery