

Outsider Art Fair Paris Announces 2016 Programming

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The Outsider Art Fair, the singular platform dedicated to Art Brut and Outsider art, has announced the programming for its 4th edition in Paris (OAF Paris), which will take place from October 20-23 at Hôtel du Duc.

Presented by Wide Open Arts, OAF Paris 2016 will feature 38 galleries, including 15 new exhibitors, showcasing a wide range of artworks vetted by a committee of specialists in the field. This year's OAF Paris will place renewed emphasis on historical Art Brut, while at the same time retaining its focus on showcasing the work of self-taught artists working outside the mainstream.

Andrew Edlin, CEO of Wide Open Arts, said that 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 added.

This year's OAF Talks will feature a panel discussion on October 21, moderated by renowned curator Emmanuel Daydé. Titled "Beyond Art, the Art of the Afterlife," the panel will trace the lineage of Mediumistic art, from its prevalence in Outsider art to its resurgence within a Contemporary art context.

For this year's curated space, Gérard Audinet, Director of Maisons de Victor Hugo, will curate a booth of self-portraits from Bruno Decharme's Collection ABCD, titled "Self-Portrait With My Neuroses." The self-portraits of two artists associated with Victor Hugo will bookend the booth – his nephew Léopold Hugo, and François Chiffart, who created illustrations for several of Hugo's novels.

The booth will also include self-portraits by artists such as Fernand Desmoulin, F. Sedlák, Helen Butler Wells, Josefa Tolra, Edmund Monsiel, Hugo d'Alesi, Emile Hodinos, Camille Renault, and Hans Hoffe.

A second curated space will feature a solo presentation of works by the late Austrian artist Franz Huemer (1924-2012).

The participating galleries in this year's edition of the fair are:

Belgium, **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, **Kingston, NY:** One Mile Gallery; Los Angeles: Good Luck Gallery; **New York:** Andrew Edlin Gallery, Cavin Morris Gallery, Ricco Maresca Gallery, Shrine, Y Gallery; **Oakland:** Creative Growth Gallery