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PRESS RELEASE

LA FABRIQUE DU VIVANT

THE FABRIC OF THE LIVING

20 FEBRUARY – 15 APRIL 2019

GALLERY 3, LEVEL 1

AS PART OF MUTATIONS / CREATIONS 3

From 20 February to 15 April 2019, in Gallery 4 at the Centre Pompidou, *La Fabrique du Vivant* [*The Fabric of the living*] retraces an archaeology of the living and of artificial life. This group exhibition offers a prospective presentation of the recent work of some fifty designers, in addition to research from scientific laboratories. Organised as part of the third edition of the *Mutations / Creations* cycle, *La Fabrique du Vivant*, in association with IRCAM, enters into a dialogue with the monographic exhibition devoted to Brazilian artist Erika Verzutti, in Gallery 3.

In the digital era, a new interaction is emerging between creation and the fields of life science, neuroscience and synthetic biology. The focus now lies on matter itself. The notion of 'living' takes on a new form of artificiality, somewhere between inertia and momentum.

#LaFabriqueDuVivant
#MutationsCreations

Eric Klarenbeek, *Mycelium*, 2012-2013
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The 'living' spans the physical field of matter and the immateriality of the digital world. Biotechnologies are now a medium used by artists, designers or architects. Digital simulation tools now allow us to recreate the living.

Between biology and genetics, design takes a cross-disciplinary approach, like a biotechnological artefact where living matter dictates the form. Design now turns to 'bio-manufacturing' and new 'disruptive technologies' around living matter. Bio-materials, made from organic life (fungus mycelium, laminar algae, bacteria and yeasts, etc.) have led to new sustainable, biodegradable objects.

To create an architectural sculpture in situ, specially designed for the exhibition, American artist David Benjamin (*The Living*) uses a new building method based on fungus mycelium bricks which grow together and are assembled by bio-welding. Micro-organisms are transformed into an architectural medium and building material. Studying the behaviour of life (animals or plants) leads to innovative architectural design producing new forms of nature, between the digital ecosystem and living systems.

Artists question the links between the living and the artificial, as well as the processes of artificial recreation of life; the manipulation of chemical procedures on living matter; self-generating works with ever-changing forms; hybrid works of organic matter and industrial material, or the hybridisation of human and plant cells. In this era of digital technologies, artists draw on the world of biology, developing new social and political environments based on the issue of the living.

Some one hundred projects will be on show, including several created especially for the exhibition. The very matter of this exhibition is changing, as certain works undergo a process of growth or decay. IRCAM presents the *Biotope* installation by composer Jean-Luc Hervé, which fits into the exhibition tour like a living organism.

THE ARTISTS, DESIGNERS AND ARCHITECTS OF THE EXHIBITION

Shamees Aden; Laure Albin Guillot; François Azambourg; Heather Barnett; Sonja Baümel and Manuel Selg; BCL (Georg Tremmel + Shiho Fukuhara); Hicham Berrada; Burton Nitta (Michael Burton and Michiko Nitta); Julian Charrière; Natsai Audrey Chieza; Carole Collet; Amy Congdon; Marcos Cruz (Bio-ID Lab, The Bartlett School) ; The Disease Biophysics Group of the Harvard University; Alexandre Echassériau; Jonas Edvard; Alexandra Daisy Ginsberg, Christina Agapakis and Sissel Tolaas; Lia Giraud; Guillian Graves (Big Bang Project); Andreas Greiner; Ernst Haeckel; Perry Hall; Jean-Luc Hervé; Marlène Huissoud; Eduardo Kac; Amy Karle; Allison Kudla; Joris Laarman; *The Living* (David Benjamin); Julia Lohmann; Julian Melchiorri; MIT Media Lab (Cindy Hsin-Liu Kao); Mogu; Isaac Monté; Gabriela Munguia; *Officina Corpuscoli*; Neri Oxman & The Mediated Matter Group, MIT; Jean Painlevé; Claudia Pasquero and Marco Poletto (EcoLogicStudio); Institut Pasteur; Špela Petric; PILI (Marie-Sarah Adenis); Pamela Rosenkranz; Daan Roosegaarde; Karl Sims; *Studio Formafantasma* (Andrea Trimarchi and Simone Farresin); *Studio Nienke Hoogvliet* (Nienke Hoogvliet); *Studio Klarenbeek & Dros*; *Studio Liberty* (Tomas Liberty); *The Tissue Culture & Art Project* (Oron Catts & Ionat Zurr); Samuel Tomatis; *Urban Morphogenesis Lab* (The Bartlett UCL); Tim van Cromvoirt; Teresa van Dongen; Elaine Whittaker; Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Wyss Institute of the Harvard University; XTU Architects (Anouk Legendre and Nicolas Desmazières); Hongjie Yang; Tokujin Yoshioka

PRESS OPENINGS

TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY / 11AM - 1PM
IN THE PRESENCE OF MARIE-ANGE
BRAYER AND OLIVIER ZEITOUN,
CURATORS OF THE SHOW

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THE EXHIBITION

CURATORS

Marie-Ange Brayer, Curator, Head of the Design and Industrial Prospective Department
Olivier Zeitoun, Conservation Manager, Design and Industrial Prospective Department

CATALOGUE

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MUTATIONS / CRÉATIONS 3

Decidedly forward-looking, *Mutations / Créations* is the annual creation and innovation laboratory at the Centre Pompidou, exploring the ties between arts, science, engineering and innovation. It brings together artists, engineers, scientists and entrepreneurs, all the stakeholders in the 'sensitive' and the 'intelligible' which shape and infringe upon our present. Following a first edition in 2017 devoted to design and manufacturing trends in 3D printing, a second edition in 2018 exploring the history of digital code and its artistic appropriation since the 1960s, this third edition examines the living and its protocols of (re) creation. At the crossroads between disciplinary fields, *Mutations / Créations 3* summons up visual and digital art, design and speech through a group exhibition, *La Fabrique du Vivant [The Fabric of the living]*, the first European monographic exhibition on Brazilian artist Erika Verzutti, and the third edition of the *Vertigo* forum, organised by the IRCAM Institute.

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FOCUS ROOM, LEVEL 5

MUTATIONS / CREATIONS 3

ERIKA VERZUTTI

20 FEBRUARY – 15 APRIL 2019

GALLERY 3, LEVEL 1

ELLSWORTH KELLY

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GALLERY 1

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