

EXQUISITE SKILLS

3 OCTOBER 2019 – 31 AUGUST 2020

From October 2019 to August 2020, the Sèvres National Manufactory and Museum presents “Exquisite Skills”(La Beauté du geste), a year-long programme which includes the opening of a gallery and a school, exhibitions revealing the remarkable talents of Sèvres’ artisans and resident artists, and off-site projects.

With a focus on transmission and sharing, “Exquisite Skills” unveils the secrets of this one-of-a-kind French cultural institution. A unique opportunity to experience Sèvres!

Highlights of the upcoming season: la Galerie des Savoir-Faire and l’Ecole de Sèvres.

In October 2019, the National Ceramics Museum will open the new Galerie des Savoir-Faire, which showcases the Sevres artisans’ unique skills and techniques. The gallery will unveil the creative processes and manufacturing secrets of Sèvres’ porcelain masterworks, from both the past and the present. The exhibition highlights the exceptional skills and expertise of the Manufactory’s artisans in connection to these creations, presented at the Museum.

In the new Galerie des Savoir-Faire, “Exquisite Skills” is divided into two parts.

From 3 October 2019 to 9 March 2020, the first segment will explore: firing techniques and the magic of fire; Sèvres’ unique palette of a thousand colours; the sculpting of bisque porcelain; plates and political powers; the audacity and technical challenges behind the crafting of large vases.

From 26 March to 31 August 2020, the second segment will spotlight: drawings and designs; the singularity of porcelain painting; iconic Sèvres gold; furnishings; and Sèvres’ extravagant forms. One Sunday a month, visitors will be invited to contribute to a collective piece of art. They will also follow fascinating discussions between the



Manufactory's artisans and guest artists, and lectures from the Museum's curators. Throughout the season, Sèvres will offer various activities to explore Sèvres' heritage and crafts, such as guided tours of the Manufactory's workshops or of the Museum's masterpieces.

L'Ecole de Sèvres will open its doors in September 2019, as a highly specialized school for the Manufactory's artisans.

A complement to "Exquisite Skills", the school will also offer hands-on art classes for the general public (children and adults), as well as for the private sector. Training courses will also be held for professionals. Far from pixelated screens and virtual realities, these activities offer an intimate introduction to the artisans and their materials. Experience firsthand all the beauty and magic of Sèvres!

SÈVRES CREATION AND HERITAGE

The Sèvres National Manufactory and Museum is a prestigious public institution located between Paris and Versailles. The National Porcelain Manufactory of Sèvres has been in operation since the 18th century, while the National Ceramics Museum was founded the following century. The Manufacture de Sèvres hosts resident artists and designers from around the world. Their creations are then exhibited at the Sèvres Gallery in Paris (like the works by Julio Le Parc this autumn) and during the most prestigious international art fairs (like Zoé Paul's spectacular creation at the 2019 FIAC). The Ceramics Museum serves as a precious source of inspiration for Sèvres' 120 on-site artisans, as well as for all creators, collectors and art enthusiasts. Of the 50,000 works housed at the museum, some 5,000 were produced at the Manufactory from the 18th century to the present day. This world-renowned museum also grants numerous loans to French and international institutions, and actively participates in the organization of off-site exhibitions.

INAUGURATION

WEDNESDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2019

6 TO 9 PM

PRESS RECEPTION

10 AM TO 12 NOON

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