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Opening on Saturday February 20 at 6pm

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# **Opening hours**

From February 21 to March 20, 2016 The villa Noailles is open everday except Mondays, Tuesdays and bank holidays from 1pm to 6pm. Fridays late night opening from 3pm to 8pm. Free admission

### **Press office**

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High resolution images available on the press page of the website www.villanoailles-hyeres.com/press/ (password on request)

# Catalogue

A catalogue is published by the villa Noailles on the occasion of the exhibition, available from February 21, 2016 at the villa Noailles' book shop and in an european network in partnership with Archibooks. 128 pages, bilingual french/english. 30 €

## Around the exhibition

Every event proposed by the villa Noailles are free admission and open to all. Informations and booking by phone 04 98 08 01 98 / 96 or email at mediation@villanoailles-hyeres.com Lectures, family workshops, children workshops, visits. (Program available soon)

#### **Partners**



















#### Curatorial team

Benjamin Lafore, Sebastien Martinez Barat, Damien Roger et Audrey Teichmann

## Set design

PEAKS Charles Aubertin, Camille Dupont, Samuel Jaubert de Beaujeu et Eva Maloisel

#### General coordination

Jean-Pierre Blanc, Magalie Guérin, Guillaume Vacquier et Marion Bétous



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#### **EXHIBITION**

The practice of skateboarding could be defined according to a basic apparatus: a wooden plank between 30 and 60 centimetres long with a non-slip surface (the grip) fixed to a twin system of metallic supports (the trucks) which retain four wheels containing ball bearings. Following which a series of accepted figures is practised on different types of surfaces and objects.

From this practice results an infinite number of spaces. constructed and designed for skateboarding or re-appropriated from their initial intention. Continuous and smooth concrete becomes a potential surface for a different purpose. Ramps, handrails, benches, pipelines and stairs become promises of sporting performances where adrenalin rules technique.

By observing towns differently, and their spaces as genuine playgrounds, skaters assert a different means of using city centres. From the first embankments of Californian schools, perched amongst the Hollywood hills, or empty

swimming pools, to grand-scale projects where the emancipation of a space by a community has made its mark.

#### FIRST GENERATION

An initial section will offer a historical report of the forms practised and the sociologies that they propose. The appropriation of a space and the progressive definitions of a discipline have marked a series of architectures which have since become iconic.

# 9 CONTEMPORARY PROJECTS

A second section will present 9 skateparks projects

# - Skatepark rue Léon Cladel, Paris. 2012

Agence Constructo, France et Raphaël Zarka.

### - Miyashita Park, Tokyo. 2011

Agence Atelier Bow Wow, Japon.

- Skatepark Mar Bella,Barcelone. 2014Skatepark Les Corts,
- Barcelone. 2014
  Agence SCOB, Espagne.
- Skatepark les Ursulines, Bruxelles. 2003 - 2006

Agence l'Escaut, Belgique.

# - Skatepark La Roche-sur-Yon. 2013

Agence Studio 1984, France.

- Street Units.
- Olari Skatepark

Agence Janne Saario Landscape Architecture, Finlande.

- « ...Skateboard That Glides...Land & Drops Into...Sea», Millenium Park, San Juan. 2004 Vito Acconci. Etats-Unis.

# COMMANDE PHOTOGRAPHIQUE

The third section of the exhibition will focus on a photographic commission placed by the arts centre bearing witness to thirty or so skateparks in France. Commission undertaken

Olivier Amsellem Maxime Delvaux Stéphane Ruchaud et Cyrille Weiner

