Edouard Malingue Gallery

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Laurent Grasso Élysée

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INSIDE OUT ART BASEL

아트바젤 사무국이 홍콩에 상륙한 지 4년째, 아트페어가 열린 홍콩컨벤션센터 밖 풍경을 전한다. 도시의 진면목을 뒷골목에서 만나듯 아트페어의 수주은 페어장 밖에 존재한다.

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는 것이다. 아드리안 형이 이끄는 바였리 예술예단 안 KII 아트 파운데이션(KKF)에서는 지원한 바병 자이의 큐웨이어인 한소 울리에 오브리스트(Hans Ulrich Obrisult') 이끄는 답면 서한다인 정이라와 공중권식을 선보였다. 2019년 개관 예상이지만, 개 전부터 다양한 전시를 선보여 존재같은 드리 내고 있는 홍콩 (해금리스 박물관은 중국의 핵대미 순속 한국에 본 5년, 생물리스 지그 원백선 전 시로 호령을 받았다.

Hack Space by KARS-서리아인 캠리리 홍콩 생완 에 자리한 코스코 타위에서 열린 (Hack Space)는 전시를 동우 기원한 한스 움리히 오브리스트의 택 성 덕분에 미술 관계자들의 방문이 줄을 이었다. 뉴 점펜드 작가 사이면 테나(Simmon Dennyo) 조각 작품을 중심으로 11명의 중국 작가가 참여한 이번 전시를 관통하는 주세는 상자이었다. 참자이의 뜻





은 문자 그대로는 중국 정부의 통해가 마치지 않는 선적 소물은 뜻하지만, 실제로는 해이고다라요요. 책 통은 일단는 말이나 산의의 체육이 대목의 실수 마는 수식이가 불듯, 중국 가업들은 화신적인 시스 템으로 성공신화를 배 내려가고 있는 요즘이가에. 성자이는 책용이 아타라 중국 기업들은 화신적인 지수 성자이는 학생이 아타라 중국 기업들은 정보 등에는 말로 통해다. 합성 전시장에 조각, 설치, 배디오 작품의 스카이라인을 만들어 공간은 참조한 사이템 메나는 이 공간에 중국 라가들을 초 대해 자신만의 방법으로 해정하도록 주문했고 차 보 패에 CAD 단리, 파덴레 라이아를 당한다.

이트 경비리 나이트 to 공통화생명의 아프바림용 용의 VIP 오프닝 하루 전남인 2월 2일을 통통화병 원의 주최로 소개적으로 수 경계기가 등사이 오프닝 기념성은 진행한 아트 갤리리 나이트는 관광객들 로 장사업은 아무있다. 레만 비리라 화이트 큐브트에서 이번의 CI Grid Because I Love Yao 등 공통화에서 이번의 CI Grid Because I Love Yao 등 공통화에서 이번의 CI Grid Because I Love Yao 등 공통화에서 이번의 CI Hard 이 대로 자연이 어떻게 되었다. 이 이 시간에 보는 보이는 보이는 이 보이





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제외 (Rainhow), 리우웨이의 (U. Looks Like a Landscape) 등 증구 대표 작가의 작품이 등장했 이 구성도 좋았다. 이 외에는 미국 캠퍼스 미술관 문법관, 해선그룹 M(XI)의 함께(Plusia) 이제도를 높 인 구성도 좋았다. 이 외에는 미국 캠퍼스 미술관 트립관, 해선그룹 M(XI)의 함께(Plusia) 보이스는 네 배르게(Tokins Rehberger) 앱인 프로젝트 등 다양 한 전시가 공통을 뜨겁게 달했다. 역동작업 이르션 보 보이수는 도시는 없다. 인들은 결제적 함께(Plusia) 는 독생한 현보 도시가 주도집은 한다. 아트웨어뿐 아니는 정보 교류의 중요한 점인 된 홍콩이 아이에는 역을 모든 아이는



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Laurent Grasso: Élysée at Edouard Malingue Gallery 21 March to 30 April

Resplendent. Edouard Malingue Gallery's solo exhibition by Laurent Grasso was definitely one of the highlights of Art Basel week's string of gallery exhibitions. At the entrance of the exhibition, visitors are greeted by two sculptures: one a religious icon, a figure of a saint with an triangular anvil shaped head, the other a Roman soldier who's head had has also been replaced by a golden horse hoof shaped object, rendering them surreal objects. They guard the entrance of a site that seems at once sacred and awe-inspiring. Your eyes are immediately directed to the end of an axis of space where a wall bearing the word Elysée, referring to the presidential palace of France, glows in neon yellow.

Inside the gallery space Grasso brings together various objects, architectural interventions and mixed media works: tiny detailed and back-lit paintings depicting the golden interior of palaces glow on the walls; a life size wooden cabin stands to one side inviting visitors to hide within; golden sculptural geometric reliefs are lit from above so they resemble some ancient temple relics; and a film shot inside the Salon Doré of the Élysée Palace, the personal office of the President of the French Republic, which is rarely open to the public. They are individual parts brought together in a discourse with one another to convey a story of power, and create an atmosphere of beauty and magic.



Laurent Grasso, Main de pouvoir, 2016. Marble, 21.1 x 6 x 3.5 cm. Image courtesy of Edouard Malingue Gallery.

Past and present, reality and fiction blur together to create a mythological space that inspires a hushed reverence; perhaps it is the golden light reflecting off works, emanating from behind the paintings, and from the screen that calls to mind religious icons or the extravagant palaces of Versailles and The Hermitage. But then, that is Grasso's point, to show gold as a symbol of wealth and power throughout the ages. The value and weight we ascribe to it, the desire with which we pursue it, the awe it inspires, and the impact on the course of history in order to attain it, is reflected all around us in the exhibition space.

Featured image: Laurent Grasso, Élysée, 2016. Installation view, Edouard Malingue Gallery, Hong Kong. Courtesy Edouard Malingue Gallery.

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Installation view of LAURENT GRASSO's "Élysée" at Edouard Malingue Gallery, Hong Kong, 2016. (Left) Chevalier DOGŪ, 2016, wood and gold leaf, 120 × 35 × 35 cm; (right) Prêtre JÔMON, 2015, wood, 120 × 35 × 35 cm. Courtesy Edouard Malingue Gallery, Hong Kong.

ÉLYSÉE LAURENT GRASSO

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Material configurations of power and wealth in Europe have often manifested in beautiful forms. From Pope Julius II's commission for Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel fresco to the Palace of Versailles, individuals and institutions have sought to surround themselves with structures that reflect and uphold their influence. It is not surprising then, that gold, glossy textures and polished surfaces make up the visuals of Laurent Grasso's latest exhibition, "Élysée," at Edouard Malingue Gallery in Hong Kong. The French conceptual artist offers a reflection on the aesthetics of power through his signature mode of storytelling that blends imagery from multiple histories, temporalities and geographies.

Grasso's ongoing fascination with supernatural phenomena is present upon entry to the gallery, where viewers are greeted by two hybrid sculptures that mix medieval iconography with the sculptural forms of Japan's Neolithic Jômon period. Chevalier DOGÜ (2016) and Prêtre JÔMON (2015) are referred to as "ancient aliens," that is, evidence of extraterrestrial life hidden in plain site in ancient myths. The amalgamation of these seemingly unconnected icons raises questions surrounding the linear timeframes in which history is documented and sets out a superstitious tone that is carried throughout the show.



LAURENT GRASSO, from the series "Studies into the Past," 2016, oil on wood, $36 \times 42.7 \times 1.2$ cm. Courtesy Edouard Malingue Gallery, Hong Kong.



LAURENT GRASSO, from the series "Studies into the Past," 2016, oil on wood, 20 × 25 cm. Courtesy Edouard Malingue Gallery, Hong Kong.

At first glance the series of oil paintings "Studies into the Past" could have been pulled straight from 18th-century France. Aristocratic aesthetics of authority appear in a depiction of the Salon Doré, the French Presidential office. Gold leaf traces the intricate interiors of the room, while boiled oil paint that gradually deepens in color has given it its authentic look. Although the regal subject matter seems to command serious contemplation, underneath it the playful deception of Grasso as con artist is at work, as he subtly places himself inside European traditions of painting. In one work, spherical monoliths sit in a barren landscape, bringing to mind stories of crop circles and UFOs. They are in fact the United States government's surveillance network of radar domes used during the Cold War. Conspiracy theorists have stereotypically been thought of as fanatics, loudly espousing elaborate ideas about governments and other mysterious events throughout history, but here Grasso's method is quiet and cunning. By fusing past techniques with modern depictions of technology the viewer and work alike is suspended in a historical limbo that creates an unsettling atmosphere.

On its own, In Silentio (2016) appears bizarrely cartoonish rather than the foreboding sense that its symbolism denotes. The sculpture, a marble pelican with a ball in its mouth, recreates a fragment of a Vatican fresco signaling secrecy—a key principle of the religious epicenter. Connecting the sphere that blocks the bird's beak to the spy domes in "Studies of the Past," viewers may find themselves coerced out of passive observation and activated to join Grasso in the role of conspiracy theorist, drawing somewhat far-reaching links between the various forms of power on display.



LAURENT GRASSO, Soleil Double, 2014, 16mm film transferred:11 min. Installation view of "Élysée" at Edouard Malingue Gallery, Hong Kong, 2016.

Aesthetics of power are also prevalent in the exhibition's organization and layout. To view Soleil Double (2015), viewers are ushered into a panoptic wooden frame. Two speakers on either side of a screen, and a gold anechoic wall designed to absorb sound, form an immersive, controlled environment in which to view the film. On screen, two rival suns appear over the fascist-era architecture of the Palace of Italian Civilization, originally built in 1935 by Benito Mussolini to exhibit the absolute rule of the state and signal a new phase of nationalism. The focus on the building's neoclassical Greek sculptures and rationalist arches lit up by the dual suns, bring to mind the former egocentric belief that the earth was the center of the universe around which all other planets revolved.

Visitors discover the source of a spiritual hum of choir voices reverberating throughout the gallery in another film, Élysée (2016). Gold, a visual motif throughout the exhibition, here reaches a crescendo as the Salon Doré—a famously ornate room within the Élysée Palace in Paris—is presented in all its gilded splendor. The steady pan of the camera slowly zooms in on the golden regalia, resulting in a hypnotic, mesmerizing effect interrupted only by the presence of everyday objects (piles of paper work, a telephone, television, etc.) amid the royal architecture. The image of power is diverted for a moment from the historical monarch to the image of the modern-day Republic. The absence of a Presidential figure suggests that true dominance is ultimately beyond the grasp of any one individual. The elaborate architecture of the Salon Doré, then, appears as a stage through which control is acted out, revealing that certain visual forms are not merely inherent products of power, but also producers of it.

Paradoxically, what makes Grasso's work stand out in this exhibition is his reserved opinion and ambiguous attitude towards the aesthetics of authority. Albeit constructing fictitious images of history and subtly throwing in hints of conspiracy theories, he largely avoids making overt judgments on power and its visual forms. As such, his reflective approach allows for a slow and careful unraveling of bold imagery and themes. Viewers have space to form their own interpretations and further ponder the peculiar images of Grasso's invented histories.



LAURENT GRASSO, Élysée, 2016, film still. Courtesy Edouard Malingue Gallery, Hong Kong.

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La galerie Perrotin présente la vidéo de Laurent Grasso en Corée du Sud

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est par une visite intime du salon doré du palais de l'Elysée que les Coréens vont découvrir le nouvel espace de la galerie Emmanuel Perrotin, inauguré à Séoul jeudi 28 avril. Pour la galerie parisienne, fer de lance sur le marché international de l'art contemporain, Séoul est le troisième ancrage à l'étranger, après Hongkong et New York. Clin d'œil qui n'échappera pas aux visiteurs de l'exposition d'ouverture, le nouveaullieu est situé juste en face du palais présidentiel coréen. La vidéo Elysée de Laurent Grasso est ainsi projetée sur le mur qui «donne directement sur le palais », constate Emmanuel Perrotin, amusé.

D'abord montrée en première mondiale à la galerie Edouard Malingue de Hongkong, fin mars, l'étonnante video de seize minutes présente le bureau du président de la République française comme personne n'a sans doute jamais eu l'occasion de le voir à la loupe. «Je filme d'un mouvement de camèra quasi continu, on passe très près de la patine du lieu, or est beaucoup en macro », décrit Laurent Grasso.

Tabous et solennité

Le film démarre en effet par un gros plan sur les initiales de la république, RR, dans un bas-retief doré. La caméra remonte sur un coq et entame de longs et lents travellings: une frise peinte de feuilles et baies de laurier, les élégantes têtes sculptées qui ornent les pieds du bureau Régence... Le salon doré est bourré de symbo-

les. On ne découvre l'élégance de la pièce, son grand lustre en cristal, sa lumière naturelle, sa vue apaisante sur le parc qu'après avoir eu le nez sur des stucs fendus, des peintures craquelées, des réparations cache-misère. Même le viell interrupteur en plastique de la lampe de bureau Empire a droit à tout l'écran. La caméra n'évite rien: les sonnettes spécialese et les téléphones sécurisés avec ligne directe vers le premier ministre et le chef d'état-major des armées, les petites voltures de collection empilées sur la cheminée, un entassement de fardes multi-colores, un discours raturé, un crayon à deux couleurs avec un bout rouge et un bout bleu, sans oublier la grande tapisserie murale, au titre évocateur dans un bureau présidentiel: « Don Qvixote guery de sa folie par la sagesse» (sic). L'examen du salon doré est

quasiment médical.
Ces détails du réel n'entament pourtant en rien l'impression d'un monde suspendu, empreint de tabous et de solennité, il semblerait même qu'ils y contribuent.
«Mon travail s'attache toujours à un point de départ dans le réel, qui permet d'offrir un support à l'imaginaire», affirme Laurent Grasso.

Le spectateur est médusé de se retrouver, vaguement voyeur malgré lui, au cœur de ce lieu mythique où le sublime côtoie le trivial. La musique mystérieuse, voire anxiogène, composée par Nicolas Godin du groupe Air, ajoute à la fascination. Ce salon doré est-il un lieu de pouvoir et de grandeur ou un lieu de secrets et de fantômes? Brouiller les pistes n'est pas pour déplaire à Laurent Grasso, qui s'y essaie

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LAURENT GRASSO artiste

régulièrement, notamment dans ses travaux sur le temps ou sur l'architecture.

"Fai tout de suite eu l'impression d'un lieu maudit, d'une ambiance mortifere. Un endroit piégé auquel tant de gens aspirent mais qui se referme sur vous une fois que vous y entrez», déclare Nicolas Godin. Il a regardé la vidéo de Laurent Grasso en boucle, y a décelé quelques moments-clés et a écrit une musique qu'il estime inspirée des films de Tim Burton, avec «essentiellement un synthétiseur modulaire, un funo 60 Roland, une guitare électrique jouée à l'archet et une chorale de 24 chanteurs».

Retenue et fascination

L'hôte des lieux est absent, bien sûr. Il a fallu tourner en une journée, quand le président était en déplacement. Mais la pièce est loin d'être vide. Outre les nombreuses muses sur les peintures murales, les hordes de chérubins dans la frise du plafond, les Marianne ici ou là, deux hommes, des vrais, gardent également l'endroit: un sous-officier de la garde républicaine, planté entre deux fenétres dans son grand uniforme, et un majordome en llvrée noire;

tous deux tellement immobiles que l'on guette leur respiration. Dans cette ambiance retenue, seul le pendule de l'horloge posée sur la cheminée, avec sa forme de Roi-Soleil, ose des balancements.

Soleil, ose des balancements.

"Les gens qui regardent le film
sont scotchés. Il y a quelque chose
de fascinant mais on ne sait pas
quoi », dit Edouard Malingue, qui
représente l'artiste à Hongkong et
a produit le film avec le soutien
des Archives nationales. D'autres
ceuvres dans l'exposition prolongent l'exploration du pouvoir
qu'opère Elysée: peinture du salon
doré réalisée «façon XIX*», sculpture d'une main de justice, miroir
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Mais l'artiste Laurent Grasso, 43 ans, lauréat du prix Marcel Duchamp en 2008, a la hantise des interprétations. Non, il n'a rien voulu dire de précis et il n'exprime rien de particulier. Le thème du pouvoir l'intéresse; il l'explore. Il sort les griffes si on lui demande des «explications». Car son travail «nest pas un travail de message» «le pense que l'art peut apporter bien plus qu'un travail d'éditorialiste et c'est comme cela que j'ai convaincu l'Elysée de venir filmer chez eux», ajoute-t-il. Elysée n'est d'ailleurs que la première vidéo d'une série qu'il espère réaliser dans d'autres «lieux de pouvoir». •

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Laurent Grasso

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Edouard Malingue Gallery, Hong Kong



Laurent Grasso, 'Élysée', 2016, exhibition view at Edouard Malingue Gallery, Hong Kong. All images courtesy: the artist and Edouard Malingue Gallery, Hong Kong

Laurent Grasso weaves together multiple erudite and mystical references to create a multidisciplinary body of work that ranges from classically painted oil paintings to video. Drawing on the artist's research into the Japanese Jōmon period, medieval Europe, the Vatican and the French presidential Elysée Palace, his solo exhibition, 'Élysée', at Edouard Malingue Gallery confuses historical timelines and cultural origins to create works that could belong to the future as well as to the past. Here, even a neon resembles an historical artefact – see the eerie, luminous Élysée (2016), mounted on a wooden panel in the gallery's entrance.



Laurent Grasso, Élysée, 2016, film still

Power is the show's thematic lodestar: its titular work and centrepiece is a new, 15-minute film soundtracked by Nicolas Godin (of the French electronica duo Air) in which the camera peruses the Salon doré (golden room) of the French presidential palace. The salon has retained its 1861 decor, said to have been created by painter Jean-Louis Godon for Empress Eugénie, wife of Napoleon III, and includes Gobelins tapestries and a masterpiece of French furniture: Charles de Gaulle's personal Louis XV-style writing desk, made by the 18th-century cabinetmaker Charles Cressent. Here, the desk is covered by messy piles of papers, partially staged by President François Hollande's team ahead of Grasso's filming, which took place only weeks after last November's terrorist attacks in Paris. (Also visible on shelves are back issues of the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo.) Grasso's slow-sliding camera formally mimics the golden sheen that is both the chosen decor of power and alludes to the ways in which it often functions. The salon's contemplative quietude is in stark contrast to the tumultuous reality of the outside world, which the presidential function must face on local, European and international levels; its perennial serenity acts as a form of anchor.



Laurent Grasso, 'Élysée', 2016, exhibition view at Edouard Malingue Gallery, Hong Kong

Opposing the screen are two Anechoic Walls (both 2016) made from cubic forms in gilded cedar wood. In addition to reflecting soundwaves they also shine. These, and other works, appear to objectify the authoritative influence emanating from the main screen. Silence, secrecy and a certain form of immortality are here the attributes of power – also consistent with the artist's tendency to leave his works with an indeterminate status as to when they were made. This is particularly true of three skilfully painted oils on wood, iterations of the artist's ongoing series of undated works, 'Studies into the Past'. Two depict the Salon doré as it is today, but in the rococo style of the French court painter Jean-François de Troy; the other, more futuristic, depicts geodesic radomes such as those used in the Cold War-born Echelon surveillance programme.



Laurent Grasso, 'Studies into the Past', oil on wood panel, 20 x 24 cm

Disparate-seeming constellations of works orbit around the main theme. Elsewhere, two Japanese-inspired screens enclose the film *Soleil Double* (Double Sun, 2014), which depicts the rays of two suns—a reference to Nemesis star theory, which states that the sun is part of binary system—filtering through the colonnades of the fascist-era Palace of Italian Civilization in Rome. Guarding the Japanese screens, a marble heron sits atop a pedestal holding an egg in its beak (*In Silentio*, 2016)—an invocation of the delicate but necessary secrecy that surrounds the powerful. (According to the artist, he came across the motif in a fresco while exploring the Vatican's alleyways.)



Laurent Grasso, 'Élysée', 2016, exhibition view at Edouard Malingue Gallery, Hong Kong

Protecting the whole exhibition are two wooden sculptures: both have Dogū-like heads (referencing the humanoid clay sculptures of Japan's Neolithic Jōmon period) but one is attached to the armoured body of the Roman soldier Saint George (Chevalier, 2016) and the other to that of a robed priest from the Middle Ages (Prêtre Jômon, 2015). Like the show's other protagonists, these silent, solemn figures allude to the complex sources of power, which range from concrete attributes (architectural mise en scène, military arsenals) to invisible movements and mythical symbolism.

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AN EXCLUSIVE EXTRACT FROM ELYSÉE BY LAURENT GRASSO

Purple TV presents an exclusive extract from artist Laurent Grasso's brilliant new short film *Elysée*. For the film, Grasso gained unprecedented access to the office of the French President of the Republic to discuss a highly personal reflection on the aesthetics and representation of power. By delving into the arcane mysteries of the Elysée Palace's Golden Room, his film sets out to bring to light the objects associated with the exercise of presidential functions. Elysée film is the first in a series that the artist intends to devote to loci of power. The original soundtrack of the film was made by Nicolas Godin.

See the world premiere of the film at Edouard Malingue Gallery Hong Kong on occasion of Art Basel Hong Kong until April 30th, 2016. The artist will also present the inaugural exhibition from April 28 to May 28, 2016 at Galerie Perrotin, Seoul

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Image: Laurent Grasso, *Main de pouvoir*, 2016. Marble, 21.1 x 6 x 3.5 cm. Image courtesy of Edouard Malingue Gallery.

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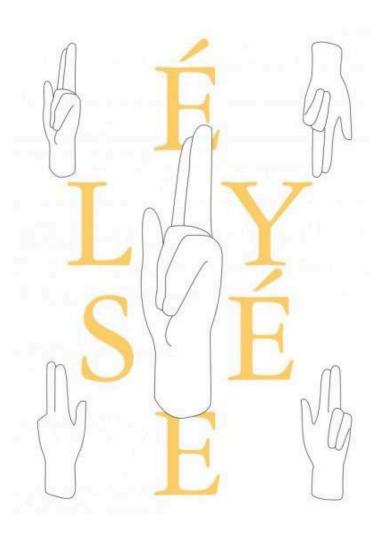
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Laurent Grasso has held residencies at the Villa Medicis, Rome and ISCP, New York. In 2016 he unveiled the permanent public installation 'Solar Wind' in the 13th district in Paris and in 2008 was awarded the prestigious Marcel Duchamp prize. Grasso has upcoming exhibitions at MASS MoCA, USA and Pompidou-Metz, France. Furthermore, he was recently the focus of a major solo exhibition 'Uraniborg'at the Jeu de Paume, Paris and the subject of solo shows at the Kunsthaus Baselland, Basel and Bass Museum, Miami. Grasso's work has been featured in multiple publications, including 'Architecture Now!' (Taschen) and 'Soleil Double' (Dilecta/Galerie Perrotin). Moreover, his work is held in collections around the world, including the Centre Pompidou, Paris, Mori Art Museum, Tokyo and Leeum, Samsung Museum, Seoul.

About the exhibition

Date: 21.03.16 - 30.04.16

Venue: Edouard Malingue Gallery

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Laurent Grasso "Élyséé" at Edouard Malingue Gallery, Hong Kong April 6~2016





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at Edouard Malingue Gallery, Hong Kong until 30 April 2016















Laurent Grasso "Élyséè" installation views at Edouard Malingue Gallery, Hong Kong Courtesy: the artist and Edouard Malingue Gallery, Hong Kong.



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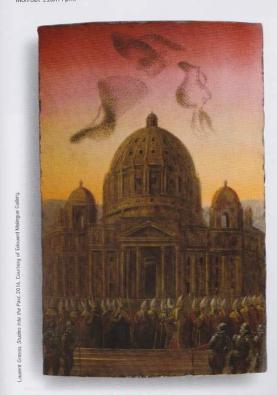
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Artouch is a new space set up by local tattoo artist Sze C. It's a funley, small space hidden snugly in an alleyway near Hollywood Road and it's all about linking undiscovered artists with audiences and potential collectors. Artouch often merges exhibitions with gigs by local bands.

LG/F, Shop C2, 89-95 Hollywood Rd, Central, 9780 1853; artouchk.com. By appointment only.

Established in Hong Kong in 1992, this gallery branched out to Vancouver, Canada, four years later. Highlighting contemporary Chinese art, Art Beatus has a mission of promoting cultural exchange between the East and the West.

129-133 Wellington St, Central, 2522 1138; artbeatus.com. Mon-Sat 11am-7pm



Edouard Malingue Gallery

French art dealer Edouard Malingue launched his Asian outpost here in: 2010 with a blockbuster show of works by Picasso. More recently, the gallery has been showcasing emerging and established artists from around the globe, including an intriguing off-site project by Jeremy Everett in 2014.

6/F, 33 Des Voeux Rd C, Central, 2810 0317; edouardmalingue.com. Mon-Sat 10am-7pm



10 Chancery Lane Gallery

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Tucked away on the slopes of upper Central, 10 Chancery
Lane is one of Hong Kong's leading art galleries. It
was founded in 2001 by Katie de Tilly, who is also
co-president of the Hong Kong Art Gallery Association.
The venue features notable artists from across Asia
such as the 'Frog King' Kwok Mang'ho, Cang Kin and Bui
Cong Khanh. Every year, the gallery presents a group
exhibition of works from Hong Kong's art graduates.

10 Chancery Ln. Central, 2810 0065; 10chancerylanegallery.com. Tue-Sat 10am 6pm.

Anna Ning Fine Art
Founded in 2005, Anna Ning is an art consultancy with a private gallery space. With a spotlight on promoting modern and contemporary Chinese art, popular artists it hosts include Ju Ming, Fang Li-jun and Jiao Xing-tao. It's a place that boasts the 'highest quality artworks from Ching. from China'

Room 101, St George's Bldg. 2 Ice House St, Central, 2521 3193; annaningfineart.com. By appointment only,



Axel Vervoordt Gallery

Axel Vervoordt founded his gallery in Antwerp, Belgium, in the 1970s and it was his son, Borls, who expanded his vision over to Hong Kong in 2014. The gallery space is small and minimalistic, yet it beautifully reflects
Vervoordt's fascination with Eastern philosophy, as well as adding to the contemporary dialogue between the East and the West. Late last year, the gallery presented four stunning sculptures by Norio Imai of the avant-garde Gutai movement.

Unit D. 15/F, Entertainment Bldg, 30 Queen's Rd C, Central, 2503 2220; axel-vervoordt.com. Tue Sat 11am-7pm.

Eunice Tsang speaks to multi-talented, award winning French artist Laurent Grasso ahead of Élysée, his major solo exhibition in the city

ower takes many forms but lies at the heart of politics, business, art and virtually everything. Reflecting on this theme, Elysée, Laurent Grasso's latest solo exhibition, hear the abilities of meeting the prohas the ability to speak volumes to all sectors of society, from the one percent to the 99. Skilled in any medium he puts his mind to, Ébysée showcases everything from Grasso's paintings to his video work. The pieces blur the lines between past and present, reality and fiction, floating somewhere between the real world and an alternate realm of fantasy.

We speak to the Marcel Duchamp Prize-winner about Hong Kong, history and his plans for the Presidential offices.

How did you first get into art?

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I studied at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris and had the opportunity to do exchange programmes with the Cooper Union in New York and Central Saint Martins, London. After studying painting, I focused on images and started to create films, followed by objects related to these films.

What is it that fascinates you?

I create ambiguous objects mixing different temporalities and cultures My work explores zones where the impossible becomes conceivable. I focus on scenarios that broaden our perspectives of the world. I use various research fields as a point of departure for my projects - science, history and the latest discoveries, like string theory. Amongst my recent exhibitions, I've worked on the following issues: a history of catastrophes, the relationship between power and astronomy, the secrecy of the Vatican, and all





The camera scans the President's office, capturing the magnetism and history of this space, as if unveiling the State's secrets

sorts of mythologies that mix the past and the future such as 'ancient aliens', a vision that digs into art history in trying to find signs of a potential extraterrestrial life

Can you tell us about your stunning permanent public artwork SolarWind? How did you conceive of it?

Solar Wind uses real-time data of the sun's activity and transforms it into a luminous animation. It's a sort of barometer of cosmic weather, a way to create a luminous language. Thanks to the communication around this project, viewers are able to understand the underpinnings of the work. I collaborated on the one hand with scientists to collect data produced by the sun from different laboratories, and on the other hand I worked with engineers in order to create a very intense light that is visible from extremely far away

Several million drivers pass in front of the work on a daily basis, since it's installed on the border of the Périphérique, the Parisian orbital highway.

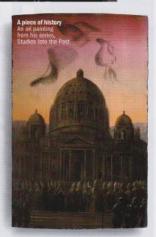
Your series Studies into the Past playfully reinterprets classical paintings, but they're not really about the paintings themselves. Can you detail the creative process involved? This series speaks about our

relationship with time, with history and time travel. It's a way of using different periods of history to deal with issues such as our relationship with catastrophes and magic. It's also a way of inserting an element of my work into art history. All the motifs appearing in my films are transplanted into primitive Flemish or Italian paintings. These paintings are a sort of technical challenge, which consists of creating objects that can perfectly mimic old paintings, therefore generating an ambiguity regarding their date and origin

You've done a video piece. Radio Ghost, that was filmed in Hong Kong. What aspects of it attracted and inspired you to work in Hong Kong?

Radio Ghost is a film about the belief that ghosts appear on film sets during movie shootings. It's a reverie in which the camera flies over Hong Kong, giving the impression that strange voices float above the city. These voices describe first-hand accounts of paranormal experiences, lived by different people working in the film industry who I met in Hong Kong.

What are you working on now? My latest film, shot in the Etysee Palace and more specifically in the office of the President of the French Republic, is about the relationship



between power and aesthetics Architecture and furnishings service power and contribute to its staging. In my film Elysée, the camera scan through the President's office and captures the magnetism and the history of this specific space, as if unveiling the State's secrets.

What's something you would like to explore further in the future? I would like this project looking at places of power to become a series, I'm planning to film more presidential offices!

Élysée Edouard Malingue Gallery, Mar 22-Apr 30; edouardmalingue.com.

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'Focus on Laurent Grasso's exhibition, Elysée'

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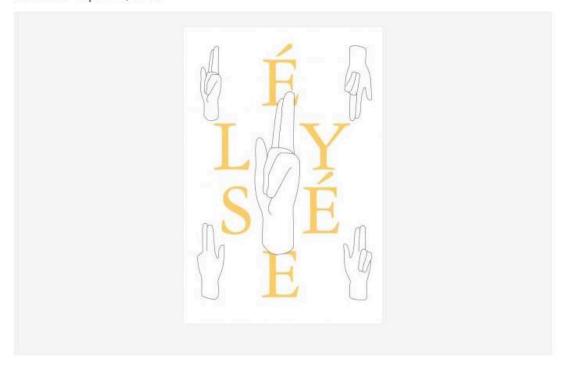
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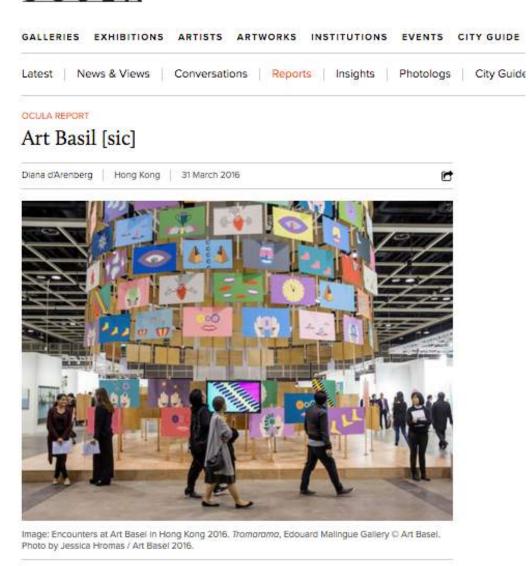




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Though it was beating down with torrential rain, and I had forgotten my umbrella, we made our way on foot to Edouard Malingue Gallery to see Laurent Grasso's beautiful solo exhibition, Élysée. The exhibition, which is an oasis of serenity and resplendence, centres around the artist's new film which was shot in the office of the French President in the Élysée Palace. Next we hit The Mill's Gallery for Social Fabric, a stellar exhibition by Berlin artist Marina Hahn and Hong Kong artist Kwan Sheung-chi. Put together by UK curator, David Elliott, the exhibition grapples with Hong Kong history, identity and politics. Hanging from the ceiling in a section of the space were salt-water hardened silk dresses, which looked like colourful skins. In another section of the space, visitors had to walk over a carpet of what looked like Chinese flag pins—but in fact was the Hong Kong Bauhinia flower—into a white angular room which opens into another small claustrophobic white room, monitored by surveillance. I commented to Elliot that it felt like walking into the Chinese embassy. He responded with a knowing smile.



Image: Laurent Grasso, *Elysée*, 2016, Installation view, Edouard Malingue Gallery, Hong Kong. Courtesy Edouard Malingue Gallery.

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Luckily for you, Hong Kong's art week spurs more than just large temporary exhibitions and eye-popping events. The city's galleries have risen to the artsy challenge and ensured an even higher calibre of art than usual — the perfect antidote to an art week-hangover.



Élysée by Laurent Grasso at Edouard Malingue

This solo exhibition is pinned on French artist Laurent Grasso's film shot in the Golden Salon of the presidential Élysée Palace in Paris. Expect an exploration of power and authority through the palace's unique design and historical artefacts—sure to provide an uncanny travel through time. The film itself is supplemented with a collection of bizarre sculptures from ancient Jomon and Christian civilizations.

When: 22 March to 30 April 2016

Edouard Malingue, 6/F, 33 Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, edouardmalingue.com 'Découvrez l'Elysée avec Laurent Grasso'

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DÉCOUVREZ L'ELYSÉE AVEC LAURENT GRASSO

Après le succès de SolarWind (l'installation spectaculaire de l'artiste Laurent Grasso à Paris) et à l'occasion d'Art Basel (manifestation d'art contemporain à Hong Kong), la galerie Edouard Malingue présente en première mondiale le film de Laurent Grasso: Elysée. Plongez dans les arcanes feutrés du palais de l'Elysée.

C'est grâce à une autorisation exceptionnelle que Laurent Grasso a pu s'infiltrer dans le bureau du président de la République française. Ainsi nous propose-t-il son nouveau film « Elysée », fruit d'une collaboration avec les archives nationales, et en partenariat avec la galerie Edouard Malingue. Le film fait alors surgir de l'ombre des objets de la fonction présidentielle, amenant une réflexion sur l'esthétique et la représentation du pouvoir. Inscrit dans la logique des « Deux corps du Roi » d'Enrst Kantorowicz, le travail de l'artiste propose également une approche historique à travers l'étude de la continuité du pouvoir au-delà de son incarnation par un individu. Véritable épicentre de la politique française, ce haut lieu de pouvoir peut cacher des légendes et des croyances mystiques que Laurent Grasso tente de nous faire découvrir.

Outre son film, pièce fondamentale de l'exposition présente du 22 mars au 30 avril 2016 à Hong-Kong lors de la Art Basel, Laurent Grasso exposera également une série de sculptures mystérieuses, héritage de la civilisation Jomon au Japon et du christianisme, évoquant l'incarnation multiple du pouvoir sur plusieurs territoires. La richesse et la multiplicité des oeuvres entraînent le spectateur à appréhender les différentes variations de pouvoir à travers les territoires et les civilisations.



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Laurent Grasso est un artiste français, ancien résident de la Villa Médicis. En 2016, il dévoile l'installation publique permanente <u>SolarWind</u> dans le 13ème arrondissement à Paris. Laurent Grasso présente en ce moment des expositions au MASS MoCA, aux Etats-Unis et au musée Pompidou-Metz, en France. Il a récemment fait l'objet d'une grande exposition personnelle, « *Uraniborg* » au Jeu de Paume, à Paris, qui a voyagé par la suite au Musée d'Art Contemporain de Montréal et a fait l'objet d'expositions individuelles au Kunsthaus Baselland, à Bâle et Bass Museum, à Miami. Le travail de Laurent Grasso a été présenté dans plusieurs publications, y compris Architecture Now! (Taschen) et Soleil Double (Dilecta / Galerie Perrotin). En outre, ses oeuvres font partie des collections des musées du monde entier, dont le Centre Pompidou, Paris, Musée d'art Mori, Tokyo et Leeum, Samsung Museum, Seoul. Son film *Elysée* est son tout dernier travail.



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Laurent Grasso interview

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Power takes many forms but lies at the heart of politics, business, art and virtually everything. Reflecting on this theme, *Élysée*, Laurent Grasso's latest solo exhibition, has the ability to speak volumes to all sectors of society, from the one percent to the 99. Skilled in any medium he puts his mind to, *Élysée* showcases everything from Grasso's paintings to his video work. The pieces blur the lines between past and present, reality and fiction, floating somewhere between the real world and an alternate realm of fantasy.

We speak to the Marcel Duchamp Prize-winner about Hong Kong, history and his plans for the Presidential offices...

How did you first get into art?

I studied at the École des Beaux Arts in Paris and had the opportunity to do exchange programmes with the Cooper Union in New York and Central Saint Martins, London. After studying painting, I focused on images and started to create films, followed by objects related to these films.



What is it that fascinates you?

I create ambiguous objects mixing different temporalities and cultures. My work explores zones where the impossible becomes conceivable. I focus on scenarios that broaden our perspectives of the world. I use various research fields as a point of departure for my projects – science, history and the latest discoveries, like string theory. Amongst my recent exhibitions, I've worked on the following issues: a history of catastrophes, the relationship between power and astronomy, the secrecy of the Vatican, and all sorts of mythologies that mix the past and the future such as 'ancient aliens', a vision that digs into art history in trying to find signs of a potential extraterrestrial life.

Can you tell us about your stunning permanent public artwork SolarWind? How did you conceive of it?

SolarWind uses real-time data of the sun's activity and transforms it into a luminous animation. It's a sort of barometer of cosmic weather, a way to create a luminous language. Thanks to the communication around this project, viewers are able to understand the underpinnings of the work. I collaborated on the one hand with scientists to collect data produced by the sun from different laboratories, and on the other hand I worked with engineers in order to create a very intense light that is visible from extremely far away.

Several million drivers pass in front of the work on a daily basis, since it's installed on the border of the Périphérique, the Parisian orbital highway.



Your series Studies into the Past playfully reinterprets classical paintings, but they're not really about the paintings themselves. Can you detail the creative process involved?

This series speaks about our relationship with time, with history and time travel. It's a way of using different periods of history to deal with issues such as our relationship with catastrophes and magic. It's also a way of inserting an element of my work into art history. All the motifsappearing in my films are transplanted into primitive Flemish or Italian paintings. These paintings are a sort of technical challenge, which consists of creating objects that can perfectly mimic old paintings, therefore generating an ambiguity regarding their date and origin.

You've done a video piece, *Radio Ghost*, that was filmed in Hong Kong. What aspects of it attracted and inspired you to work in Hong Kong?

Radio Ghost is a film about the belief that ghosts appear on film sets during movie shootings. It's a reverie in which the camera flies over Hong Kong, giving the impression that strange voices float above the city. These voices describe first-hand accounts of paranormal experiences, lived by different people working in the film industry who I met in Hong Kong.

What are you working on now?

My latest film, shot in the Élysée Palace and more specifically in the office of the President of the French Republic, is about the relationship between power and aesthetics. Architecture and furnishings service power and contribute to its staging. In my film Élysée, the camera scans through the President's office and captures the magnetism and the history of this specific space, as if unveiling the State's secrets.

What's something you would like to explore further in the future?

I would like this project looking at places of power to become a series, I'm planning to film more presidential offices!

Élysée Edouard Malingue Gallery, Mar 22-Apr 30; edouardmalingue.com.

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Hollande: the fast and furious president?



Still from Laurent Grasso's film Elysée, showing François Hollande's miniature car collection

The gilded and sumptuous
Salon Doré of the Elysée Palace
in Paris—the personal office of
the French president—is rarely
if ever open to Joe Public. But
the French artist Laurent
Grasso has gained access to
this inner sanctum, revealing
the contents of François
Hollande's nerve centre in his
2016 film Elysée, on show at
Edouard Malingue gallery in
Central (until 30 April). The

film, shot over two days, uncovers what makes Hollande tick from the books on his shelf (including a biography of former president François Mitterrand) to Hollande's chic collection of miniature cars, including Formula One racers and classic Bentleys. "What we see is what the president wanted us to see," Grasso says. "I'd now like to film in other presidential offices."

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ELYSÉE: LE FILM ET L'EXPOSITION DE LAURENT GRASSO

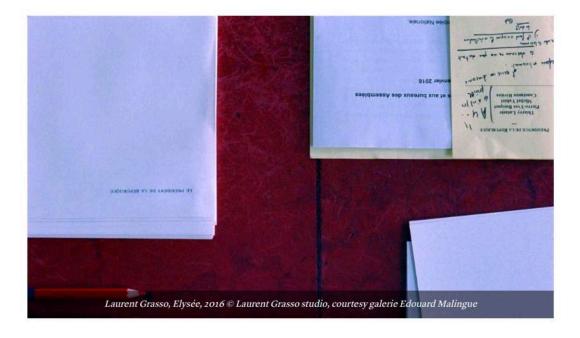
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Laurent Grasso a obtenu l'autorisation exceptionnelle de filmer dans le bureau du président de la République Française. La galerie Edouard Malingue, à Hong Kong, présente « en première mondiale » son exposition, "Élysée", la première d'une série que l'artiste souhaite consacrer aux lieux du pouvoir. Produit à l'invitation des Archives nationales, un film, pièce centrale de l'exposition, s'attache à faire surgir de l'ombre les objets de la fonction présidentielle. La musique originale a été composée par Nicolas Godin, membre du groupe Air.

L'exposition regroupe des peintures, des vidéos, des néons et une série de sculptures. Le pouvoir du Vatican est évoqué par Silencio, une sculpture de héron réduit au silence par l'objet qu'il tient dans son bec, reproduisant un fragment de fresque du Vatican. La sculpture dorée Anechoic Wall (Gold) et les nouvelles peintures sur feuille d'or de Studies into the past semblent prolonger les dorures du Palais de l'Elysée.

Lauréat du prix Marcel Duchamp en 2008, Laurent Grasso élargit son approche artistique par des recherches historiques.

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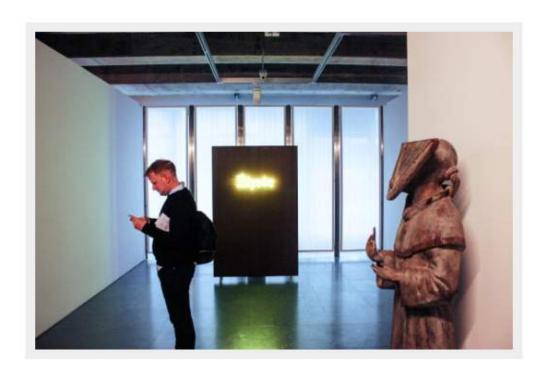
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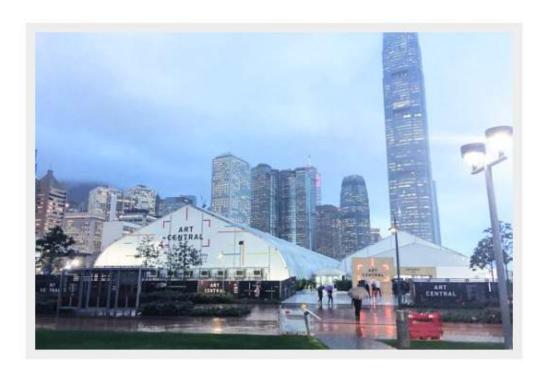
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HK ART WEEK 2016 SERIES: Power Plays by Laurent Grasso at Edouard Malingue Gallery and Art Central 2nd Edition

It was really interesting to see such a complete and well rounded, and not to mention intimate show on the subject of "Power" from Laurent Grasso at the Edouard Malingue Gallery at the start of this Art Basel HK Art Week, because I went to attend the Art Central fair shortly thereafter, where the mood and vibe of that satellite fair was all about about the opening up and seemingly "democratisation" of the art market via its location (on the Victoria Harbour park) and its position (in a tent.)





Laurent Grasso at Edouard Malingue gallery and The Art Central Tent.

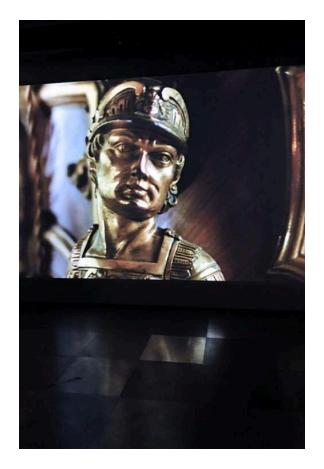
One can say that the 2nd Edition of the Art Central fair is "local", "Open", and "Friendly", whereas Art Basel, is the bastion of the Art market exchange via the framework of... the guys in Switzerland... ie. a fair for only very serious collectors. In any rate, it's nice to have options. Thanks Art Central!

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+ Laurent Grasso's Elysee / Edouard Malingue Gallery

It's hard to tell if Grasso is for or against the idea of "power", however what he does have regarding the subject is an absolute fascination of it. Grasso is fascinated by its forms, by its mythologies, and by its roots... ie. who gave power to humans (Aliens, Divine Intervention, Saints, Spirits?) and for what do humans do to display it.

Grasso's exhibition, titled "Elysee", touches upon the subject of power via reinterpretation of various religious and military iconographies in sculpture, the examination of fascist architecture, and the purity of forms from the geometries found in nature, to the ones created by man in gold to signify power's perceived absolute beauty.





"Elysee", 2016 by Laurent Grasso

When arriving into to the Malingue space, the visitor is greeted at the exhibition's gates by two timber figures left and right, a "Chevalier" hybrid of Saint George – a roman soldier and that of a Dogu figurine, and a "Pretre Jomon"– a religious monk with an upside down triangular head. These guards flank a visual axis where at the end a neon golden sign of the word "Elysee" is clearly visible, referring to the Presidential palace of France. The rest of the exhibition are fragments of forms in sculpture, painting, and videos of various ways that the formulations of power have emanated from Grasso's perspective.









"Chevalier", 2016 and "Pretre Jomon", 2015 by Laurent Grasso

The show is dark, somber, and requires a thoughtful consideration of from-where our formal symbolic signifiers really come from and for whom do these things serve. It's a mystery worth unfolding.











Top to Bottom: "Anechoic Wall in Gold Leaf" 2016, "Soleil Double" 11min Film, 2016, "Anechoic Walls" 2016, "Plato (On the floor)" 2016, "Hand of Justice" 2015, and "Pretre Jomon" 2015

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Laurent Grasso: 'Élysée'

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Laurent Grasso, Élysée (still), 2016. 35mm film, 15 minutes. Original soundtrack: Nicolas Godin.

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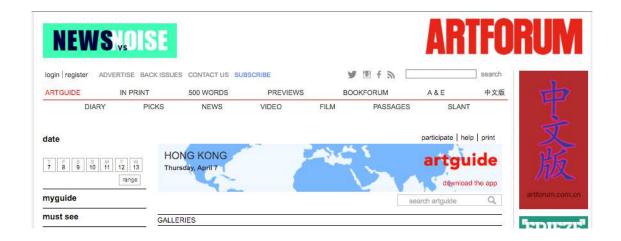
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À l'occasion d'Art Basel Hong Kong, la galerie Edouard Malingue présente l'exposition Élysée de Laurent Grasso du 22 mars au 20 avril 2016



Après le succès de SolarWind, l'installation spectaculaire de l'artiste inaugurée dans le 13ème arrondissement de Paris, la galerie Edouard Malingue présente en première mondiale la prochaine exposition de Laurent Grasso, Élysée, pour laquelle l'artiste a obtenu l'autorisation exceptionnelle de filmer dans le bureau du président de la République Française.

Avec *Elysée*, Laurent Grasso propose une réflexion unique sur l'esthétique et la représentation du pouvoir. Véritable incursion dans les arcanes feutrés du Salon Doré du Palais de l'Elysée, le film s'attache à faire surgir de l'ombre les objets de la fonction présidentielle.

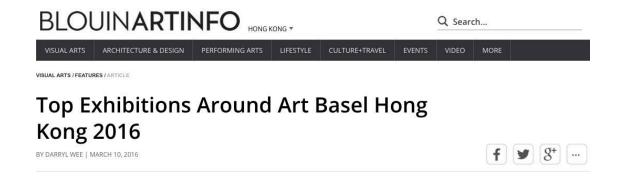
Produite à l'invitation des Archives nationales, cette œuvre coproduite par la Galerie Edouard Malingue de Hong Kong, est la première d'une série que l'artiste souhaite consacrer aux lieux du pouvoir. La musique originale du film a été composée par Nicolas Godin, l'un des deux membres du groupe Air.

Pour l'exposition à la galerie Edouard Malingue à Hong Kong, l'artiste présente un dispositif global mêlant peintures, vidéos, néons ou encore sculptures. La richesse et la multiplicité des œuvres entraînent le spectateur à appréhender les différentes variations de pouvoir à travers les territoires et les civilisations.

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'Top Exhibitions Around Art Basel Hong Kong 2016'

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As the globetrotting art world descends on Hong Kong for the city's fourth edition of Art Basel in two weeks time, meetings, opening receptions, dinners, and parties are all no doubt being frantically penciled into schedules and calendars everywhere.

Away from the main event, if you're still unsure about which exhibitions in Hong Kong you should make time for, BLOUIN ARTINFO has put together a short(ish) list of top shows around the fair that you shouldn't miss.

Laurent Grasso, "Élysée," Edouard Malingue Gallery, March 22 through April 30

French conceptual artist Laurent Grasso's solo exhibition centers on a new film shot in the Golden Salon of the presidential Élysée Palace in Paris that explores how power and authority is projected and emanated through interior ornament and a unique aesthetic. Linked to this central work are a number of other pieces that also explore similar themes, including uncanny sculptures from ancient Jomon and Christian civilizations, and gold "anechoic walls" that reference distant, past gilded ages.

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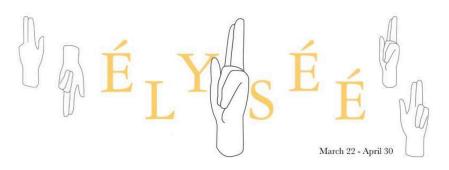


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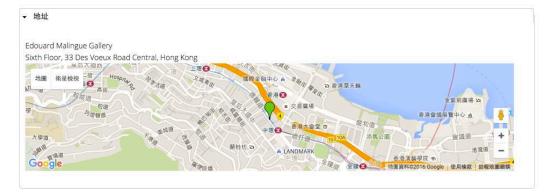
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馬凌畫廊匠心呈獻 - 洛朗·格拉索 (Laurent Grasso) 焦點個展《愛麗舍》(Élysée)。影像作品"愛麗舍" (Élysée) 乃權力美學直率有力卻又含蓄內畝的反映。揉合層出不窮的不定時態及地域界限,格拉索周旋於繞射與迴聲的表現領域,縱橫交錯出權力美學的多樣幻化。是次個展將展出藝術家於法國總統官邸「愛麗舍宮」金廳拍攝的作品,透過畫廊展示的精選作品及影像,他銳意闡述對權力美學的延伸,對其超脫之特性尤其著墨。

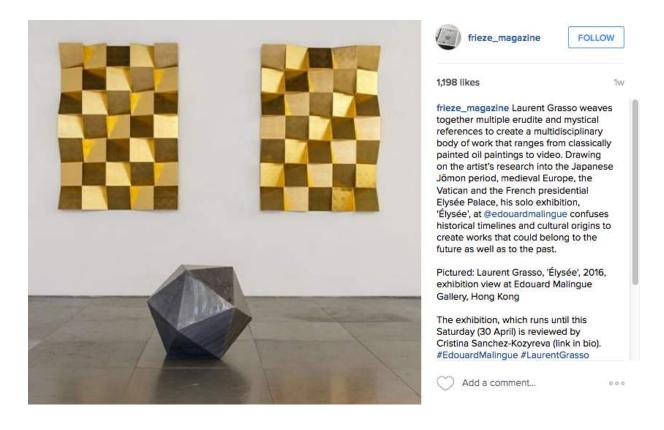
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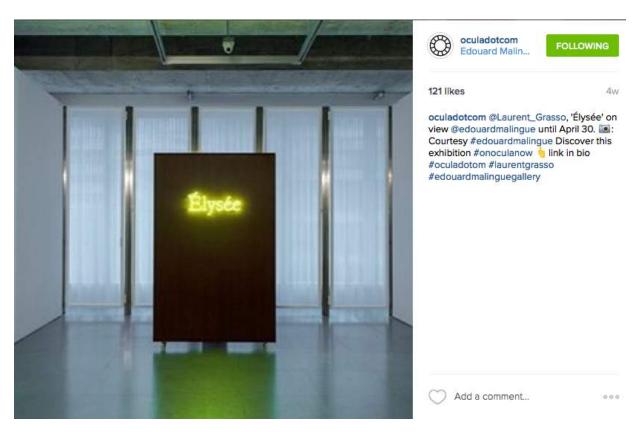
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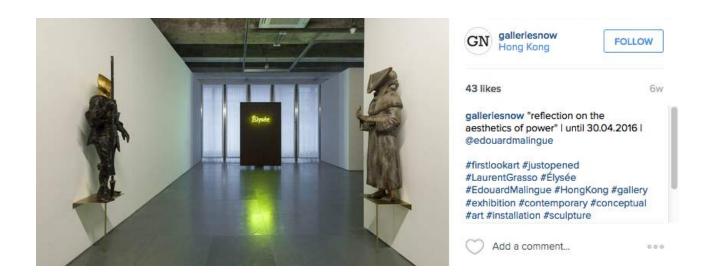


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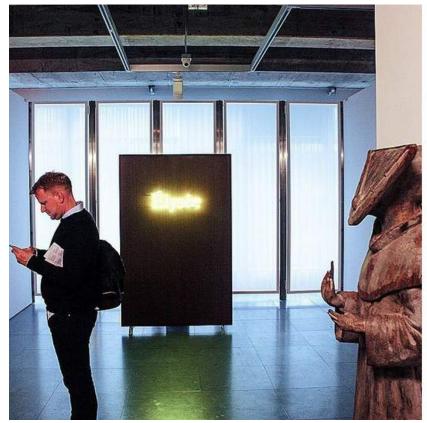


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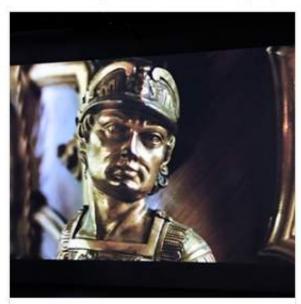
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"It was really interesting to see such a complete and well rounded, and not to mention intimate show on the subject of 'Power' from Laurent Grasso at the Edouard Malingue Gallery at the start of this Art Basel HK Art Week, because I went to attend the Art Central fair shortly thereafter, where the mood and vibe of that satellite fair was all about about the opening up and seemingly 'democratisation' of the art market via its location (on the Victoria Harbour park) and its position (in a tent.)"



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