

Art News

Passion for Life at the Grand Palais in Paris

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The next group art exhibition ***Passion for Life*** will be held from November 21-30, 2008 at the Grand Palais in Paris, in support of the Institut Curie. Following several art exhibitions in Italy, Mexico and the Principality of Monaco, *Passion for Life* has been offered the opportunity to exhibit in Paris, France, under the banner of the prestigious Société des Artistes Indépendants. Following the invitation of the President of the Society, Mrs. Franckie Tacque, and her Board of Directors, 15 international artists will exhibit their art for a humanitarian cause: the fight against cancer.

A small group of innovative artists, Paul Cézanne, Paul Gauguin, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec and Camille Pissarro and the founders Albert Dubois-Pillet, Odilon Redon, Henri-Édmond Cross, Georges Seurat, Paul Signac, founded the Salon des Indépendants in 1884. In a movement of defiance, these Néo-Impressionist painters, tired from being refused by the juries of the official Salon, decided to create their own Salon - the Salon des Indépendants - with the fundamental principle of "no jury, nor reward".

One of the objectives of the *Passion for Life* program is to collect funds for the fight against cancer. The program was founded by Antoine Gaber, impressionist artist painter and cancer researcher in drug development mostly for cancer therapies. In each country where the Passion for Life exhibition has been held, the funds raised have been entirely donated to a charitable organization or a pre-selected, local association. In this upcoming event in November in Paris, Passion for Life will be supporting the Institut Curie. Founded in 1909 based on a conceptual model created by Marie Curie, the Institut Curie now brings together 2000 researchers, doctors and health care professionals, all working with the same aim: to find cures for cancer with speed. As a recognized Foundation with public support since 1921, the Institut Curie aims to make quickly available the most recent advancements in research with a multi-disciplinary approach, whilst bringing the best available treatments to cancer patients.

Participating Artists: Figen Begen, Mary Brilli, Diana Calvillo, Jean Pierre Faucher, Antoine Gaber, Marybel Gallegos, Sumio Inoue, Maz Jackson, Kosmas Kroussos, Leticia Leal, Sinae Lee, Martin J.A. Nijman, Marieta Reijerkerk, Goga Trascierra, Karel Vreeburg.

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Salon des Artistes Indépendants - ART en CAPITAL – at the Grand Palais, Avenue F.D. Roosevelt - 75008 Paris

Exhibition schedule: daily from 11.00 to 19.30

Opening (by invitation only): Friday 21 November from 17.00 until 22.30

Evenings: Wednesday 26 and Friday November 28 until 22.30

Tickets: 10 euro / reduced 6 euro

For transport by subway: line 1, 9 and 13 - station: Champs Elysées, Clemenceau or Franklin Roosevelt

For transport by bus: numbers 28, 32, 42, 72, 73, 80, 83, 93

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