

MACAAL reopens with the exhibition *Welcome Home Vol. II*

24 October 2020 – 10 January 2021

Convinced more than ever that access to Culture is vital, and eager to actively participate in the reawakening of the international artistic hub that is Marrakech, Morocco's cultural capital, the Museum of African Contemporary Art Al Maaden (MACAAL) will reopen its doors to the public on 24 October 2020. For the safety of all, this reopening will take place in full respect of public health regulations currently in effect.



Emo de Medeiros, *Notwithstanding the forces at hand*, *Surtentures* series, 2018.
Textile, NFC tags, 200 x 200 cm.

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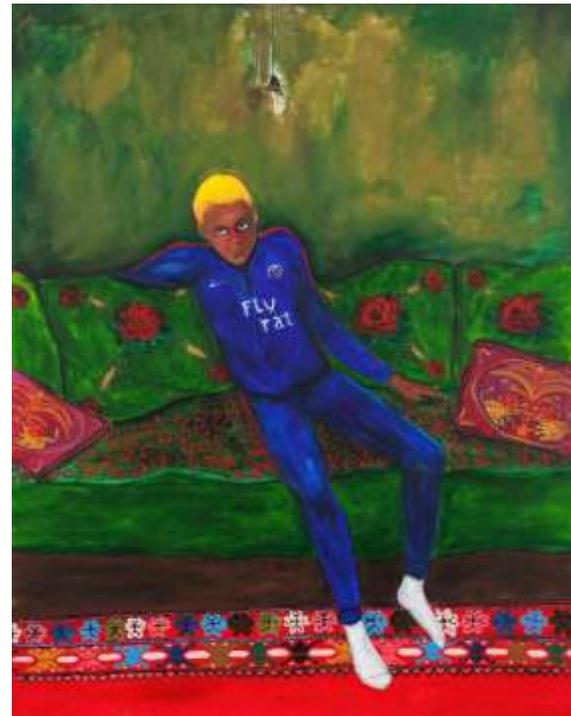
In celebration of this event, MACAAL is pleased to announce the inauguration of *Welcome Home Vol. II*, an exhibition devoted to the Museum's permanent collection, from 24 October 2020 to 10 January 2021. Following the success of MACAAL's *Welcome Home* (12 September 2019 to 5 January 2020), this

second phase brings together some of the most iconic works from the museum’s collection, which have contributed to the success of earlier shows, and a selection of the Museum’s most recent acquisitions, purchased in 2020 in an effort to support artists, galleries and national as well as international institutions.

MACAAL’s collection is rich with over 2,000 works, representative of all forms of contemporary artistic expression from the continent and its diaspora, with a particular interest in new mediums. By establishing dialogue between different traditions and perspectives, this exhibition illustrates MACAAL’s ambition to offer the public a new way of seeing contemporary creation from the African continent.



Ayana V. Jackson, *Sarah Forbes, Dear Sarah series*, 2016
 Archival pigment print on German etching, 130 x 76 cm
 © Ayana V. Jackson and Mariane Ibrahim Gallery



Anuar Khalifi, *Roses & cockroaches*, 2018
 Acrylic on canvas, 183 x 144 cm
 © Galerie Shart

The photographic portraits by Phumzile Khanyile (Afrique du Sud) and Ayana V. Jackson (USA) hang alongside the spiny sculptures of John Goba (Sierra Leone), responding to the surrealist paintings of Mosengo Shula (DRC), beneath a monumental wall hanging by Emo de Medeiros (France – Benin). Designed to pay tribute to Fondation Alliances’ efforts to support emerging artists, this new exhibit also includes a space dedicated entirely to the winners and special mention recipients from the Lcc Program.

Underscoring the Museum’s role as a truly interactive platform, the collective exhibition *Welcome Home Vol. II* is an invitation to participate in an unexpectedly aesthetic and captivating experience.

The inauguration of the exhibition will feature an Open House weekend on Saturday 24 October and Sunday 25 October, from 10am to 6pm. Admission to the Museum is free.

The current situation encourages us to rethink our models, our commitment to our public and to the art scene of this continent. Striving to offer our diverse audiences a rich programming that is as accessible as possible, including school groups and guided tours (advance booking), conferences, encounters and film projections. To reach the widest possible audience, digital programming (MACAAL Webinars & MACAAL Takeovers) will accompany the exhibition.

To ensure compliance with current health standards, masks are required on the MACAAL grounds. The number of people allowed inside the Museum will be limited, and markings clearly indicate the sense of direction to visit the exhibition. Hydro-alcoholic gel dispensers are placed at various locations within the Museum, and sanitary masks stamped with the MACAAL logo are available for purchase.



View of MACAAL (artwork: Fatiha Zemmouri), 2019 © Omar Tajmouati

INFORMATION

Welcome Home Vol. II

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MACAAL Open House Days – Saturday 24 October and Sunday 25 October 2020 – Free admission

MACAAL

Opening days: Wednesday – Sunday, 10 am – 6 pm

MACAAL Shop & Café open at the same days and time

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