

Montreal Exhibition

Selection of Works
from the Collection
Fall 2019

Alternate Realities

GROUP EXHIBITION

From Sep, 2019



Thomas Houseago, *Standing Owl 1*, 2012, Bronze et patine noire, 94 1/4" x 50" x 36" (239,4 x 127 x 91,4 cm)

Faig Ahmed	Dorian FitzGerald	Wanda Koop	Emily Mae Smith
Nicolas Baier	Ryan Gander	Oliver Laric	Josh Sperling
Genesis Belanger	Sayre Gomez	Caroline Mesquita	Claire Tabouret
Graham Caldwell	Thomas Houseago	Laure Prouvost	Amalia Ulman
Cynthia Daignault	Anish Kapoor	Ugo Rondinone	Xu Zhen
John De Andrea	Anselm Kiefer	Kathleen Ryan	

This fall, Arsenal Contemporary Art Montreal presents a selection of works from its collection under the theme Alternate Realities. At a time where the virtual collides with the real world, reality multiplies itself. In a world of accelerated mediatization where images are everflowing, the truth becomes increasingly hard to decipher.

The work of art is the perfect exemplification of a derivation of reality and a presentation of the infinite possibilities of the imaginary. Closely linked to the idea of illusion, works of art play with concrete reality, punctuating it with contrasts and asymmetries which act as layers of experience making up the fabric of our existence. In his time, Plato had already linked the concept of illusion to art by calling out its insidious ability to deceive man. Serving us an altered conception of reality, art would keep us from accessing reality, thus preventing us from understanding and engaging with the real world in order to behave well in society. But aren't artworks rather microcosms of alternate realities allowing us to better grasp our own reality?

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