

**FONDATION CARMIGNAC : OPENING OF
THE PORQUEROLLES ISLAND SITE, FRANCE,
ON JUNE 1, 2018**



Photo Eric Valli

The Fondation Carmignac is pleased to announce the opening of the Porquerolles island site on June 1, 2018.

The Fondation, created in 2000 on the initiative of Édouard Carmignac, will open to the public in Porquerolles, a Mediterranean island like a floating forest on the sea, from June 1st, 2018. Visitors will discover contemporary artworks of the Carmignac Collection in the beautiful surroundings of a national park, along with temporary exhibitions, a sculpture garden, and a rich programme of cultural events.

The island is not a random choice: *"As in all legends or initiatory journeys, the voyage to the island is always a dual crossing: one physical and the other mental. It is about crossing over to the other side,"* said the Director of the foundation, Charles Carmignac.

Once on the island, the visitor will discover a Provençal farmhouse blended into the landscape. Inside, the spaces expand to reveal 1,500 square meters of exhibition space. Natural light, filtered by a ceiling filled with water, illuminates the spaces hidden beneath the surface. Outside, a 15-hectare garden, conceived by landscape designer Louis Benech, is inhabited by a series of mysterious works inspired by the surroundings.



Villa Carmignac, Porquerolles Island
Photo Lionel Barbe

Created in 2000 on the initiative of Édouard Carmignac, the Fondation Carmignac is a corporate foundation with two main focuses: an art collection of close to 300 works, and the Carmignac Photojournalism Award, given out annually. In partnership with the Fondation Carmignac, the Villa Carmignac, this exhibition space to open to the public, has been created on the Porquerolles site to showcase the collection and to host cultural and artistic activities.

The Collection, presented and shared since its creation inside the company's offices, celebrates American art from the 1960s to the 1980s, with iconic works by Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein and Jean-Michel Basquiat. The 20th and 21st centuries are surveyed with the dazzling or more contemplative visions of Gerhard Richter, Willem de Kooning, Martial Raysse, Miquel Barceló or even Ed Ruscha, while the collection opens up new horizons with Zhang Huan, Korakrit Arunanondchai or El Anatsui. Finally, fine art photography and photojournalism complete this singular panorama, reflecting a personal history made of encounters and shared life moments.

Located in the Var, in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region, Southern France, the 7-kilometer-long, 3-kilometer-wide Porquerolles Island is part of the Hyères municipality and of the Port-Cros National Park. It is accessible by boat (a 15-minute crossing) and can be visited by foot or on bicycle. The site is a 7-minute walk from the port and the village, and a 5-minute walk from the beach.

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