

DREAM VEHICLES

Collections of the FRAC Centre, the FRAC des Pays de la Loire and the FRAC Poitou-Charentes

16 May – 15 July 2012

Preview 15 May at 6:30 pm



Mario Terzic, «My wings», 1970
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This summer in the Loire Valley, thirteen locations will host over a hundred works of art from the collections of the FRAC Centre, the FRAC des Pays de la Loire and the FRAC Poitou-Charentes, as well as newly created works of art. This totally new trail will offer visitors a blend of contemporary art and heritage on the theme of dreams.

Works from the collection of the FRAC Centre will be on view in Chinon, in Thouars, at the Chateau of Chambord and at the FRAC Poitou-Charentes. The Chateau d'Oiron will offer visitors an invitation to take flight with some of the major works of art from the FRAC Centre collection with, among other pieces, architectural drawings and models by Archigram, Architecture Principe (Claude Parent, Paul Virilio), Coop Himmelb(l)au as well as Asymptote and Gramazio & Kohler.

The FRAC Centre will present an exhibition on the theme of “dream vehicles”, “futuristic vehicles of desire” to quote Reyner Banham’s, that break down the barriers between the body, the machine and architecture. The question of mobility, of architecture without anchor in the territory, is a utopian constant running through experimental architecture. In the radical architecture of the 1960s-1970s, many architects

designed light structures, in some cases suspended, in others inflatable, like nomadic envelopes for the body, with the capacity to free the individual from the force of gravity.

In the exhibition at the FRAC Centre, artists and architects appropriate architecture as a “dream vehicle” for the body in movement. As such, architecture seems to be a natural or mechanic extension of the body, taking the form of tents (Davide Cascio, coll. FRAC Centre; Simon Starling, coll. FRAC Pays de la Loire), of hybrid machine-objects (MinimaForms and Krzysztof Wodiczko, coll. FRAC Centre; Michel de Broin, coll. FRAC Poitou-Charentes), or of prosthetic devices that have to physically harness the body (Gianni Pettena; Mario Terzic, coll. FRAC Centre). These “vehicles” transform the body into nomadic architecture to engage in a new dialog with urban spaces and reconsider the limits between the public and private spheres.

Artists and architects on view

Michel de Broin, Davide Cascio, Minimaforms (Theo Spyropoulos), Krzysztof Wodiczko, Gianni Pettena, Simon Starling, Mario Terzic.



DREAM VEHICLESpart of the *Midsummer Night's Dream* trailMuseum Night**Saturday 19 May 2012, exceptional exhibition hours until 11pm:**

- Family visit of the exhibition at 4 pm.
- Marie-Ange Brayer, director of the FRAC Centre, will present the exhibition with artist Davide Cascio at 8 pm.

Exhibitions on the Midsummer Night's Dream trail**Domain of Chaumont-sur-Loire****Songeries végétales**, from 6 April to 7 November 2012**Chateau of Chambord****Fragments d'un discours onirique**, from 11 May to 7 October 2012**City of Chinon** (City Hall Contemporary Gallery and the Museum of Art and History)**La part des anges**, from 19 May to 17 September 2012**City of Thouars****Le Somnambule**, counterpoint, School of Visual Arts, from 23 June 2012**Les rêveries d'Henri**, Henri Barré Museum, from 19 May to 16 September 2012**Le Somnambule**, Art Center The Joan of Arc Chapel, from 23 June to 21 October 2012**FRAC des Pays de la Loire** (Carquefou)**Paramor**, from 2 June to 14 October 2012**Chateau of Angers****Sarkis at the Chateau of Angers**, from June to October 2012**Frac Poitou-Charentes** (Linazay)**Sunset**, from 16 June to 19 August 2012**Abbaye of Fontevraud****Mort en été**, from 23 June to 30 September 2012**Chateau of Oiron****Dérives et des rêves**, from 24 June to 30 September 2012Useful information**FRAC Centre**

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Free admission. Mon – Fri 10 am – 12 am and 2 pm – 6 pm.

Week-ends and holidays, 2 pm – 6 pm.

Guided tours on Saturdays and Sundays at 4 pm.