

NOMINATIONS

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NEW NOMINATIONS: PAULA AISEMBERG AND HASSANE KASSI KOUYATÉ HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE CITÉ INTERNATIONALE DES ARTS' BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Paula Aisemberg has been appointed Secretary of the Bureau of the Cité internationale des arts' Board of Directors of which she has been a member since 2020.

Paula Aisemberg is Arts Projects Director at Groupe Emerige, where she is responsible for preparing the group's future arts and cultural centre on Île Seguin (Paris), of which she will be the director when it opens. She was formerly artistic director at La Maison Rouge.

An exhibition curator having worked on *Henry Darger, My Joburg, Paris, Dresde, My Buenos Aires* and *Ceija Stojka* at La Maison Rouge amongst other projects, she is also the president of Trampoline, a not-for-profit organisation that works to support the French art scene, the treasurer of Le Crédac art centre and chief executive of publishing company Paraguay Press.



Hassane Kassi Kouyaté has been appointed to the Cité internationale des arts' Board of Directors in the role of expert.

Hassane Kassi Kouyaté was born in 1964 in Burkina Faso into a family of griots (storytellers). A stage director, film and theatre actor and trainer, he created the theatre troupe "Deux temps trois mouvements" at Galante Theatre in Avignon. He also founded the international storytelling, music and dance festival "Yeleen", as well as the "Djéliya" social and cultural centre in Bobo-Dioulasso (Burkina Faso). In November 2014, he was appointed as director of the EPCC (a public

body responsible for managing cultural establishments), which brought together the Centre Martiniquais d'Action Culturelle (Martinique centre for cultural action) and the Atrium cultural centre. This new structure, renamed "Tropiques Atrium", received the "Scène Nationale" label in 2015.

In 2019, he became the director of the Francophonies en Limousin festival, which plays a key role on the French-speaking arts and culture scene.

He is also co-curator on the Cité Internationale de la Langue Française project in Villers-Cotterêts and a member of the juries that designate the French culture capital and the Radio France Internationale theatre prize.



Paula Aisemberg and Hassan Kassi Kouyaté will be joining the Cité internationale des arts' Board of Directors alongside:

Bureau

- Président | Henri Loyrette
- Vice-president | Marie-Laure Bernadac
- Treasurer | Pierre Vimont
- Secretary | **Paula Aisemberg**

Members by right

- Ludovic Guinamant – Second in command to the Deputy Director of Civil Liberties, Civil Liberties and Legal Affairs Directorate, Ministry of the Interior (Ministère de l'intérieur).
- Marianne Carré – Deputy Director of Culture and the Media, General Directorate of Globalisation, Culture, Education and International Development, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Etrangères).

- Sylviane Tarsot-Gillery – Director General of Artistic Creation, Ministry of Culture (Ministère de la Culture).

Permanent representatives of the City of Paris (3) designated by the Conseil de Paris on 19th and 20th May 2014

- Maya Akkari – Paris councillor. Delegate to the mayor of the 18th arrondissement, where she is in charge of urban policy and community centres.
- Marie-Christine Lemardeley – Deputy to the mayor of Paris in charge of higher education, research and student life. Councillor in the 5th arrondissement and Grand Paris councillor. President of ESPCI Paris.
- Hermano Sanchez Ruivo – Paris councillor. Deputy to the mayor of Paris in charge of European affairs.

Representatives of the Académie des Beaux-Arts

- Laurent Petitgirard – Permanent secretary.

College of experts designated by the members by right

- Paula Aisemberg – Arts Projects Director at Fondation Emerige.
- Marie-Laure Bernadac – Heritage curator.
- Odile Burluroux – Heritage Curator, Musée d’Art Moderne de Paris.
- **Hassane Kassi Kouyaté** – Director, Francophonies - Des écritures à la scène.
- Henri Loyrette – Heritage Curator, member of the Council of State. Member of the Académie des Beaux-Arts and former Director of the Louvre.
- Pierre Vimont – French diplomat. Ombudsman, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs.

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