

Press release

Exhibition

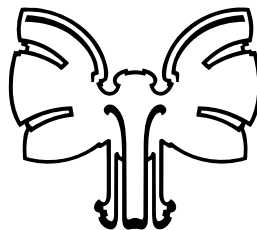
Smooth as velvet

Textiles take over the walls at the Horta Museum

From 13 September 2024 to 30 May 2025

Press conference
in the company of the artists
Wednesday 11 September
at 10h30

The Horta Museum has invited five artists to dress the walls of the house ; their creations will be on display from 13 September 2024 to 30 May 2025. Following the successful "*Pushing Back the Walls*" exhibition held in 2022, it is now velvet's turn to take centre stage as it decorates the walls of this famous home. Louisa Carmona, Flore and Pauline Fockedej, Elise Peroi and Marc Van Hoe were all given full creative freedom for this project.



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Who ?

This cycle, which was initiated in 2019, is devoted to the theme of ornamentation, pattern and decor. It concludes this year with four invitations, issued to :

Louisa Carmona

Flore and Pauline Fockedey

Élise Peroi

Marc Van Hoe

How ?

Having forged close links with a host of highly skilled artisans, the Horta Museum has launched another trilateral collaboration between creators, their expertise and a location. Each iteration of these exhibitions involves a three-way interaction...

This year, the velvet manufacturers Van Neder, together with Florence and Martine Moulis, who create sabre-cut velvets and are based in Arles, have been selected to give form and life to the creations devised by the guest artists.

What ?

Fabric will be the key feature of this exhibition. This choice echoes Horta's marked fondness for textiles, especially silk, which was hung in several of the houses he designed. This is also a profoundly architectural choice ; the great nineteenth-century theoretician saw textiles as the very source of all architecture, the matrix from which all ornamentation originates ...

Here, velvet provides the central theme for this new venture. This textile is often used for furnishing, and was particularly favoured by Horta ; in this case, however, it is given a different mission, serving other purposes...

Where ?

Boudoir	Élise Peroi
Family room	Marc Van Hoe
Breakfast room	Flore and Pauline Fockedeey
Kitchen	Louisa Carmona

Other areas in the house, such as the smoking room, the bedroom and the dressing room, will also be decorated with velvet. In this way, visitors will be introduced to the creative worlds of the guest artists and artisans, through an evocative and informative display ...

Acknowledgements

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Related events

Brussels Design September
press conference and opening night
12 September 2024

Round-table conference
organised by Brussels Design September
17 September 2024

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Opening times

In order to preserve the house-workshop, a UNESCO heritage site, the capacity of the tour is limited to 15 people every 15 minutes. Visits to the house-workshop are only possible by online booking.

Monday	closed
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	2pm → 5.30pm
Saturday, Sunday	11am → 5.30pm

Last session at 4.45pm: The visit is restricted to Victor Horta's personal house and the workshop is no longer accessible during this session. The visit lasts approximately 45 minutes.

Free admission on the first Sunday of the month (excluding public holidays). Closed on 1 January, Easter Sunday, 1 May, Ascension Day, 21 July, 15 August, 1 November, 11 November and 25 December.

Prices

Booking online is required.

Adults	12€
Seniors (over 65)	10€
Jobseekers, residents of Saint-Gilles	6€
Students (with student card, under 30)	6€
Children (under 18), European Disability Card	3,5€
Article 27	1,25€
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