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## Biennale de Lyon Names Artists for ‘Fragility’- Focused 2022 Edition



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The 2017 edition of the Biennale de Lyon.  
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The **Biennale de Lyon**, one of the most important biennials in France, has revealed the artist list for its 2022 edition, which is due to run from September 14 to December 31. Delayed by a year by the pandemic, the biennial is likely to be a closely watched one this time because its curators, **Sam Bardaouil and Till Fellrath**, were recently named directors of the Hamburger Bahnhof, a major modern and contemporary art museum in Berlin.

Bardaouil and Fellrath, along with the biennial’s artistic director, Isabelle Bortolotti, have named their edition “Manifesto of Fragility.” The curators said in a description for the

show that the exhibition would “represent varied understandings of our current state of global uncertainty.”

In addition to the new works by living artists that one has come to expect from a European art festival of Lyon’s caliber, the biennial teased an ambitious approach that would also see historical pieces from museums in the French city integrated into the show. “The Biennale posits a point of intersection between the two axes to initiate a focused exploration of fragility within the context of the dazzling yet tumultuous 1960s era of Beirut’s so-called Golden Age, featuring 230 artworks by 34 artists and more than 300 archival documents from nearly 40 collections worldwide,” the Biennale de Lyon said in its announcement. “This section of the Biennale acquires added poignance in Lyon, given the city’s historical entanglements with Beirut centred around the 19th century silk trade, and the establishment of the French Mandate in 1920.”

The biennial includes a number of celebrated artists, including Christina Quarles, who is currently having a Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago survey; Salman Toor, who had a Whitney Museum solo show in 2020; and Hannah Levy, who will have an exhibition at the Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive later this year.

Also on deck are contributions from two artists headed to this year’s Whitney Biennial: Buck Ellison and WangShui. Other well-known artists included are Nina Beier, Jose Dávila, Toyin Ojih Odutola, Joanna Piotrowska, Erin M. Riley, and Taryn Simon.

More artists are expected to be added to the artist list later on. The partial artist list for the 2022 Biennale de Lyon follows below.

Mohamad Abdouni  
Gabriel Abrantes  
Amina Agueznay  
Remie Akl  
Mohammed Al Faraj  
Hashel Al Lamki  
Abdullah Al Othman  
Julia Anaya Cabanding  
Giulia Andreani  
Mali Arun  
Dana Awartani  
Clemens Behr  
Nina Beier  
Lucile Boiron  
Phoebe Boswell  
Sarah Brahim  
Leyla Cardenas  
Julian Charrière

Jean Claracq  
Clément Cogitore  
Nicolas Dubanes  
Jose Dávila  
Daniel de Paula  
Sarah del Pino  
Buck Ellison  
Eva Fabregas  
Philipp Fleischmann  
Léo Fourdrinier  
Chafa Ghaddar  
Olivier Goethals  
Pedro Gómez-Egaña  
Marta Górnicka  
Nicki Green  
Mia Habis & Omar Rajeh  
Klára Hosnedlová  
Khalil Joreige & Joana Hadjithomas  
Nadia Kaabi-Linke  
Annika Kahrs  
Özgür Kar  
Mohammed Kazem  
Kennedy + Swan  
Michelle & Noel Keserwany  
Tarik Kiswanson  
Nadine Labaki  
Hannah Levy  
Randa Maroufi  
Lucy McRae  
Filwa Nazer  
Ailbhe Ní Bhriain  
Eva Nielsen  
Toyin Ojih Odutola  
Hans Op de Beeck  
Organon Art Cie  
Daniel Otero Torres  
Aurélie Pétre  
Joanna Piotrowska  
Christina Quarles  
Erin M. Riley  
Sara Sadik  
Cemile Sahin  
Ezster Salamon  
Ugo Schiavi  
Markus Schinwald  
Sylvie Selig

Seher Shah  
Jeremy Shaw  
Muhannad Shono  
Taryn Simon  
Kim Simonsson  
Valeska Soares  
Studio Safar  
Young-Jun Tak  
Philipp Timschl  
Salman Toor  
Evita Vasiljeva  
Puck Verkade  
WangShui  
Munif Wasif  
James Webb  
Hannah Weinberger  
Raed Yassin  
Ruyi Zhang  
Yunyao Zhang