

Dear all,

You might be interested in knowing about a series of exhibitions about French medallic art in the 19th and 20th century starting next month in various cities in France (including Paris, Lyon, Lille and Bordeaux). The title of the exhibitions will be 'Au creux de la main: La médaille en France aux XIXe et XXe siècles'.

There have not been many similar exhibitions in the last 100 years, so I guess this is a unique opportunity to see some wonderful selections of the collections of the museums involved. Here follows the information that is known up to now:

**1) Musée des Arts Décoratifs (Bordeaux) – Dec 14, 2012 until March 18, 2013**

The exhibition is organized together with the Paris Mint, which currently does not dispose of any facilities in Paris (building under renovation). The mise-en-scene is made by famous French designer Christian Lacroix. The focus of the exhibition will be the role of the Paris Mint in the promotion of medallic art in 19th and 20th century, and the famous Société des Amis de la Médaille Française founded by art critic Roger Marx in 1899. Address: Musée des Arts Décoratifs, 39, rue Bouffard, 33000 Bordeaux, <http://www.claudinecolin.com/fr/807-l-art-au-creux-de-la-main-la-medaille-en-france-aux-xixe-et-xxe-siecles>

**2) Petit Palais, Musée des Beaux-Arts (Paris) – Dec 10, 2012 until June 23, 2013**

Address: Petit Palais, Musée des Beaux-Arts de la Ville de Paris, Avenue Winston Churchill, 75008 Paris, <http://www.petitpalais.paris.fr/fr/expositions/la-medaille-en-france-aux-xixe-et-xxe-siecles-l-art-au-creux-de-la-main>

**3) Bibliothèque nationale de France (Paris) – Dec 11, 2012 until April 7, 2013**

On display, cast medals by Jules-Clément Chaplain, Oscar Roty and Jean-Baptiste Daniel-Dupuis, the 'metallic history of war' by Pierre Roche and pieces by medallists from the 1920s like Paul-Marcel Dammann, Claude-Léon Mascaux, and Pierre Turin. Address: Bibliothèque nationale de France, 5, rue Vivienne, Paris, [http://www.bnf.fr/fr/evenements\\_et\\_culture/anx\\_expositions/f.au\\_creux\\_de\\_la\\_main.html](http://www.bnf.fr/fr/evenements_et_culture/anx_expositions/f.au_creux_de_la_main.html)

**4) Musée d'Orsay (Paris) – dates still unclear**

The famous museum is the main organizer of the exhibitions, but up to now, no official announcement was made. Address: Musée d'Orsay, 62, rue de Lille, 75343 Paris, <http://www.musee-orsay.fr>

**5) Musée des Beaux-Arts (Lille) – Dec 13, 2012 until June 30, 2013**

The exhibition will focus on the important collection of the museum, which was based on important donations by baron Alphonse de Rothschild from 1880 until 1914. Visitors have the opportunity to see works by Jules-Clément Chaplain, Oscar Roty, Frédéric de Vernon and especially Hippolyte Lefebvre (who was born in Lille). Address: Palais des Beaux-Arts, Place de la République, 59000 Lille, <http://www.pba-lille.fr/spip.php?article2837>

**6) Musée des Beaux-Arts (Lyon) – probably starting on Nov 28, 2012 (??)**

Address: Musée des Beaux-Arts de Lyon, 20 place des Terreaux, 69001 Lyon, [http://www.mba-lyon.fr/mba/sections/fr/expositions-musee/prochaines-expos/medaille\\_xix-xxe](http://www.mba-lyon.fr/mba/sections/fr/expositions-musee/prochaines-expos/medaille_xix-xxe)

On the occasion of the exhibitions, the museums are publishing a catalogue under the title 'Au creux de la main. La médaille en France aux XIXe et XXe siècles.' (Editor: Musée d'Orsay / Skira Flammarion, 228 pages, 320 illustrations).

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