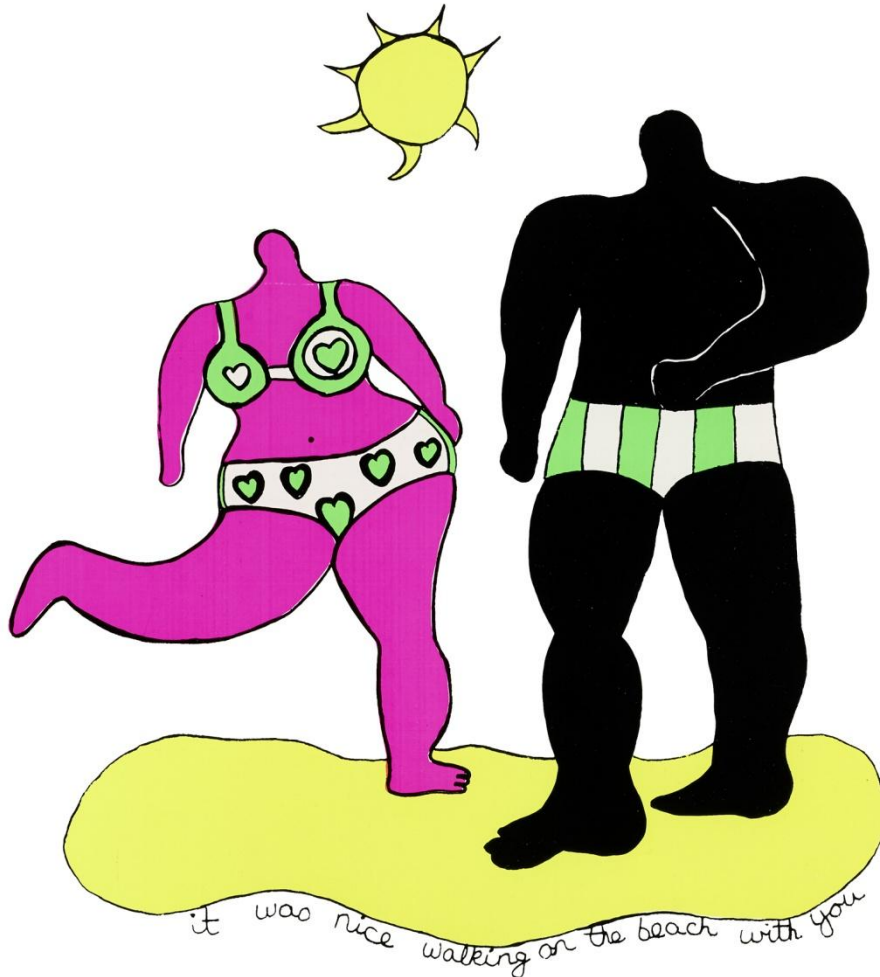




PRESS RELEASE



Niki de Saint Phalle – *Could We Have Loved (detail)*, 1968 – Silkscreen print – 59 x 74 cm – Gift of the artist in 2001 – Musée d'Art moderne et d'Art contemporain de Nice (MAMAC) © 2021 Niki Charitable Art Foundation / ADAGP Paris. Photo: François Fernandez

THE DONATION NIKI DE SAINT PHALLE CELEBRATES ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY!

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The Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, in collaboration with the Niki de Saint Phalle Foundation and the Tarot Garden, is creating an event to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the donation made by Niki de Saint Phalle to the City of Nice. Through this generous donation, MAMAC now has one of the largest collections of the artist's work in the world.

FRIDAY 25TH JUNE

4pm: Screening of school projects to be followed by an animated film created by the artist JANO, aka Jeanne Saboureault, illustrator and graphic designer. In July 2019, she launches the JANO project: a handcrafted and responsible brand made of joyful and illustrated designs for "big kids". In this animated video, Niki de Saint Phalle's great works from the MAMAC collection are introduced.

Mamac Workshop

4.30 pm / 6 pm / 7 pm: Circus and musical performance by LaTréva "Niki de Saint Phalle, la femme et ses échos".

Niki de Saint Phalle Room

5 pm: Conference with Lucia Pesapane, curator and art historian, about the Tarot Garden. Located in Tuscany, this sculpture environment was initiated by Niki de Saint Phalle in 1978 and was inaugurated in 1998. With the participation of workers and the collaboration of Jean Tinguely she was able to erect this garden consisting of 22 monumental sculptures representing the arcana of the Tarot.

Niki de Saint Phalle Room

7.30 pm: Presentation of the "Arts-monies" created by the musician Bébé Tambour.

Screening of the film "La fée et le machiniste", directed by Catherine Aventurier for France Tv Studio, introduced by Hélène Guenin, director of the MAMAC and Bloum Cardenas, granddaughter of the artist and member of the Board of the Niki Charitable Art Foundation. "When they met in 1956, Niki de Saint Phalle and Jean Tinguely had no idea that they would spend the next twenty years of their lives together. For their differences in birth, ideology, vision of their art and lifestyles were all there for the taking. Niki is a model, posing for the biggest magazines. Jean, a loner, spends his days hiding in the woods, building strange machines.

The Amazons are back for a completely POP summer!

On the occasion of the museum's 30th anniversary, the **She-Bam Pow Pop Wizz! The Amazons of Pop** exhibition plunges back on a strong axis of the MAMAC of Nice history: the face-off between France and the United States and movements of appropriation between New Realism and Pop.

Behind the French-American artist Niki de Saint Phalle, emblematic and charismatic figure of the museum's collection, a whole generation (European and North American) of amazons of art is being honored. **This exhibition redraws for the first time in France, and in Europe, on this scale the open history of a women generation who, between 1961 and 1973, paved the way for an alternative universe and contributed to the history of Pop.**

Yet they fall in love, marry, create together and fascinate the media. In 1966, they created their first major work together: 'Hon/Elle', a large Nana that visitors could enter. The opposition of these two beings led to a formidable artistic emulation and the birth of a dozen joint works such as "La Fontaine Stravinsky", "Le Jardin des tarots" and "Le Cyclope".

Auditorium

SATURDAY 26 JUNE

11 am: Môm'art workshop! "Create Nanas to hang in your room! ". Creative workshop inspired by Niki de Saint Phalle's inflatable Nanas.

Mamac Workshop

2 pm: Workshop "Mon p'tit jouet POP UP" by Camille Chrétien from the Librairie les ateliers illustrés. Make your own little card that comes to life when you open it! *Mamac workshop*

3 pm: Visit of the Niki de Saint Phalle room by Bloum Cardenas, granddaughter of Niki de Saint Phalle.

Niki de Saint-Phalle room

4 pm: Story time with Camille Chrétien from the Librairie Les ateliers illustrés. On this occasion, "Méchant Méchant" written by Niki de Saint Phalle and Laurent Condominas will be narrated. An extraordinary book, where characters are unique and inhabited, where the world is only colours, and where friendship triumphs.

Niki de Saint-Phalle room

5 pm / 6 pm / 7 pm: Circus and musical performance by LaTréva "Niki de Saint Phalle, la femme et ses échos".

Niki de Saint Phalle Room

Presentation of the animated film by the artist JANO in the Niki de Saint Phalle room.

All activities must be pre-booked: mediationmamac@ville-nice.fr

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Closed just a few days after its opening due to the pandemic, the exhibition has been **extended until 29 August 2021** to allow the public to discover these flamboyant "Amazons" and this unique re-reading of the Pop Art canon.

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