A unique heritage for today...

Ever since its creation in 1958, La Défense has had an ambitious artwork acquisition policy. As a result this area, with its impressive architecture, is now a recognised outlet for cultural expression. Sculptures, paintings, ceramics, frescoes... The greatest artists, from Calder to Richard Serra, including Miró and César, have made their mark on the district. At present there are 67 monumental works, making this the largest open-air contemporary art gallery in France.

... and for tomorrow

That heritage deserves a wider audience today, so Defacto has dec to raise its profile, inviting bids from prospective project manager companies, and drawing up plans worthy of the site's ambitions. Fren Jullien was the agency chosen to work alongside in Defacto, and the should become a reality in 2014.

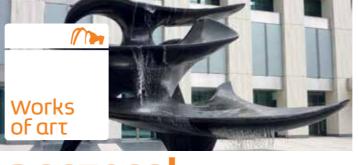


Works

emblematic



Their familiar lines are now indissolubly linked with those



pastoral

In La Défense, art is inspired by nature. Four works prove this.



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DISPLACED ARC.

CHRISTINE O'LOUGHLIN

For an exhibition of urban art, La Défense called

upon the Australian artist to create an artistic gap

in the lawn at the Place de la Défense. A simple cut

was made, the plants were moved in an arc... and

Works

Surprising, innovative, challenging: they echo the site's



This pair of fantastical characters demonstrates

Miró's predilection for colour and looseness

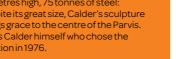
of form. The Catalan master making a mockery

CHARACTERS, **JOAN MIRÓ**

of conformity!

RED SPIDER. **ALEXANDER CALDER**

15 metres high, 75 tonnes of steel: despite its great size, Calder's sculpture brings grace to the centre of the Parvis. It was Calder himself who chose the location in 1976.



FOUNTAIN. YAACOV AGAM

A superb example of kinetic art, the monumental fountain designed by Israeli artist Yaacov Agam is set against an 86-colour Venetian enamel mosaic. There is a sense of movement along the cascade, with 66 jets propelling water 15 metres into the air, accompanied by a sequence of music.



VEGETAL WALL, PATRICK BLANC

Installed in 2006 on one façade of the Quatre-Temps shopping centre, this mosaic of plants. grasses and flowers comes across as an evocation of the jungle. Its creator, Patrick Blanc, is a botanist and one of the world's leading tropical plant



VEGETAL CHIMNEY, **ÉDOUARD**

FRANÇOIS

Whilst most ventilation chimneys around the district are covered with mosaics. this one close to the Cœur Défense building is clad in a surprising combination of copper, wood and vegetation. An island of life, 16 metres



SLAT, **RICHARD SERRA**

This 11 metre high sculpture is fact a house of cards, comprising five sheets of steel, each weighing around 20 tonnes. First displayed in 1984, the work was taken down and reinstalled in 2008 on a more suitable site.



INDETERMINATE LINES. **BERNAR VENET**

Irregular lines, changing depending on your point of view, offering no spatial points of reference: this work is one of a series of creations whose (lack of) logic inspired the name "Two Indeterminate

LA DÉFONCE. **FRANÇOIS MORELLET**

Installed in 1990, this sculpture comprises a number of metal beams. One sticks into the ground, another goes through a building. Hence the pun in its title, "La Défonce" (meaning "break-up") Elegance, purity, power.



AN ALL-STAR CAST

The greatest names in contemporary art from France and abroad have put their talents on display in the business district. They nclude: Yaakov Agam, Émile Aillaud, Alexandre Calder, César, Deverne, Miró, Igor Mitoraj, Moretti, Philolaos, Richard Serra, Takis, Bernar



THUMB. CÉSAR

12 metres high and weighing 18 tonnes, this cast metal sculpture was made from an enlarged cast of the artist's thumb. A remarkable achievement both artistically and technically.



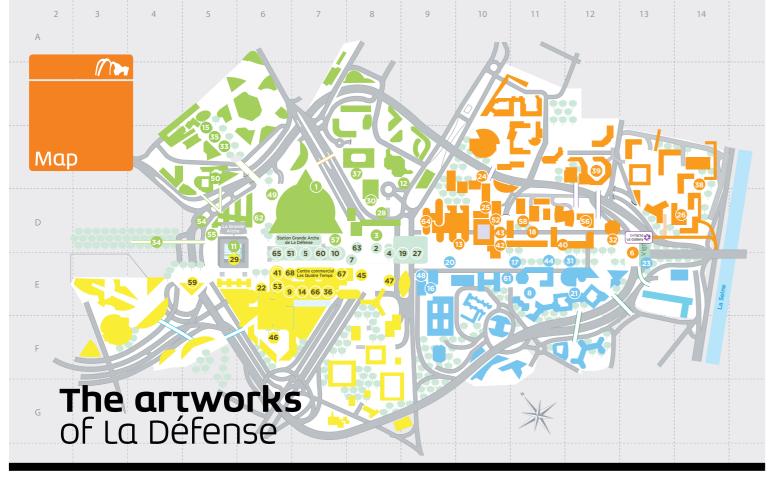
DEFENCE OF PARIS, LOUIS-ERNEST BARRIAS

It was from this statue that the business district got its name. Erected in 1883 in honour of the soldiers who defended the capital during the 1870 war, the work was installed in that year at its present location, the La Défense roundabout. Symbolic!



TAKIS POOL. **TAKIS**

The Greek artist came up with this expanse of water above which 49 multi-coloured lights have been set at differing heights. Fully integrated into the district's historic axis, these lights twinkle as night falls. A cheerful, enchanting ballet.



1 After Olympia Artist: Caro Created: 1986-87 Installed: 1991

2 Anamorphosis Installed: 1985

3 Spider Artist: Calder Created: 1974 Installed: 1976

Installed: 1979

6 Takis Pool

9 Fantastical 4 Displaced Arc Artist: O'Loughlin Installed: 1994

5 Bas-relief in bas-relief copper Artist: Legendre Created: 1969

Artist: Ravnaud

Installed: 1988

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7 Benches and the Black Pyramid Artist: Émile Aillaud Installed: 1985

8 BC1 Artist: Jakober Installed: 1988

Bestiary) Artist: Diva Installed: 2006

10 Northern. Artist: Adam-Tessier Installed: 1969

11 Map of the Sky Created: 1989

Installed: 1990

12 Poppy Field Artist: Feff Installed: 2006 C9

13 Vegetal Chimney Artist: François Installed: 2004

15 Knowledge Artist: students from the Higher School of Metal Foundry Installed: 2003

16 Lady Moon Artist: Silva Installed: 1977

17 Dance Artist: Selinger Installed: 1983

Footsteps

14 Starry Sky Artist: Carratero Installed: 2006

18 In Our Fathers' Artist: Jankovic Installed: 1990

> 19 Defence of Paris Artist: Barrias Installed: 1883

DE 8-9 20 La Défonce,

21 Two Artist: Venet Installed: 1988

> 22 Staircase) Artist: Kowalski Installed: 1989

Installed: 1990

Indeterminate Lines) F12

23 Defacto La Gallery Exhibition Hall Opened 2008

24 Cycling Family Artist: Feff Installed: 2007

25 Corolla Fountain Artist: Levaue Installed: 1973

26 Dialoque Fountain Artist: Busato Installed: 1989

27 Agam Monumental Fountain Artist: Agam Created: 1975-77 Installed: 1988

28 Fragments of the Berlin Wall Installed: 1995

34 Inlays

35 Ikaria

Artist: Mitorai

Created: 1987

36 Fragrant

Artist: Uahetto

Installed: 2006

37 Body Sites

Artist: Delfino

Installed: 1983

Garden

Installed: 2000

Artist: Sandjian

Installed: 1999

29 Monumental Fresco Artist: Dewasne Installed: 1989

E5 30 Le Grand Toscano Artist: Mitorai Installed: 1983

31 Frog Artist: Torricini Installed: 1987 F12

D12

38 Memorial to the 32 City Men Artist: Siptrott return of Napoleon's Installed: 1995 Artist: Puccinelli Installed: 1980

33 Icarus) Artist: Mitorai Installed: 2001 39 Mosaic Artist: Deverne Installed: 1982

40 Le Moretti Artist: Moretti Installed: 1995

41 Vegetal Wall Artist: Blanc Installed: 2006

42 Water Lilies Artist: Philolaos Installed: 1989

43 Mechanical Bird Artist: Philolaos Installed: 1972

44 Ophelia Artist: Fenosa Created: 1951 Installed: 1987 E11

45 Characters

Artist: Derbré Created: 1972 Installed: 1978

58 Earth

Installed: 1976

46 Place des

Created: 1987-89

47 Focal Points

Artist: Casadesus

48 Point Growth

Installed: 1981

Artist: Lim

Dong-Lak

Created: 1999

49 Thumb

Artist: César

Created: 1965

Installed: 1994

50 Four Heads

Artist: Young

Installed: 2002

51 Rhythms

Artist: Deverne

Installed: 1970

Artist: Atila

Created: 1969

Installed: 1972

53 Monumental

light sculpture in

Swarovski crystal

Artist: Kiko Lopez

Installed: 2006

54 SLAT

Artist: Serra

Created: 1983

Installed: 2007

55 Light Signals

56 Sleepwalker

Artist: De Miller

Installed: 1983

57 Pouvreau

Artist: Paul

Belmondo

Created: 1970

Installed: 2007

Stone

D7

Artist: Takis

D5

Installed: 1990

52 Cloud Sculptor

Installed: 2006

Degrés Artist: Kowalski

E8

F9

C5

DE 6

59 Tindara Artist: Mitorai Installed: 1997

60 Hyphens Artists: Mathieu-Bachelot and Ropion Installed: 1979 DE7

61 Three Trees Artist: Grataloup Installed: 1988

62 Les Utsurohi Artist: Mivawaki Created: 1988 Installed: 1989

63 Face Artist: Rieti Installed: 1985

> 64 Long Live the Artist: Deverne

Installed: 1986 65 Grouped Curls)

Artist: Mathieu-Bachelot Installed: 1981 DF 6

66 Bird Column Artist: Torricini Installed: 1981 E6

67 Vegetal Wall Porte de Paris Artist: Blanc Installed: 2008

68 Wall of Light Artist: Moity Installed: 2008

Did you know?

20,000 WORKS IN THE BASEMENT

The National Centre for the Visual Arts is located in La Défense. This public body, which is responsible for supporting artistic creativity, also manages the National Contemporary Art Fund (FNAC). The FNAC holds the largest contemporary art collection in France, storing 20,000 works in its

READ

The artworks guide can be downloaded for free from the Defacto website: http://www.ladefense.fr/fr/ kiosque/guide-oeuvres-dart-fr

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Artworks



In La Défense, artworks are everywhere. Some are obvious, such as the sculptures by Calder and Miró, which stand at the centre of the Parvis. Others are more discrete, tucked away in the surrounding districts. A collection which is open to all, managed and maintained by Defacto.

