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Summer 2020 in Rennes, a season of contemporary art with the Pinault Collection

Mayor of Rennes Nathalie Appéré, Rennes Municipality Chairman Emmanuel Couet, and François Pinault are delighted to announce that a selection of artworks from the Pinault Collection will be exhibited in the Couvent des Jacobins, Rennes Municipality's Conference Centre, in summer 2020.

Rennes Municipality completely renovated the Couvent des Jacobins over a period of 10 years, reopening this exceptional site in January 2018. This illustrious example of Breton heritage has won unanimous acclaim as a high-quality venue, and in 2018 it welcomed its first Pinault Collection exhibition, *Debout!*, attracting nearly 100,000 visitors.

A Pinault Collection exhibition on the theme of black and white

With Nathalie Appéré and Emmanuel Couet's blessing, François Pinault entrusted his special advisor, former government minister Jean-Jacques Aillagon, with the task of curating the new exhibition. Its theme of black and white is a nod to Brittany's own emblematic colours, as well as those used by the Dominican Order – or the Jacobins, as they are known in France. The exhibition will bring together works by both internationally renowned artists and younger, lesser-known names. This will be the first time that some of the works have been publicly displayed in France. This latest exhibition is a testament to the collector's continuing loyalty to cultural life in the city of Rennes despite the opening of the Pinault Collection's own premises at the Bourse de Commerce in Paris.

A summer devoted to contemporary art in Rennes

Because Ms. Appéré's aim is to reaffirm and amplify the City of Rennes' commitment to producing and exhibiting contemporary art, the cultural centres of Rennes will present further events throughout the summer. The city's fine art gallery will be hosting a wide-ranging exhibition of works by key artists from the local contemporary art scene. It will focus on the theme of colour to create a stimulating counterpoint to the Pinault Collection exhibition at the Couvent des Jacobins.

All these events will make Rennes a major destination for contemporary art in summer 2020.



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