

EXHIBITION



€ free entrance

 from June 20 to June 27
from Tuesday to Saturday: 2.00 pm
7.00 pm, Sunday:
3.00 pm > 7.00 pm

from June 28 to August 31 from Tuesday to Sunday: 12.00 am > 7.00 pm

> **Opening** June 19, 6.30 pm

Le Lieu Unique Quai Ferdinand-Favre, Nantes Ielieuunique.com

Some of the works in the exhibition were produced by the Centre des Monuments Nationaux, as part of the Mondes nouveaux programme.

stand also... Jeanne Vicerial's solo exhibition, *Nymphose* from May 18 to July 19 at Galerie Templon. 30 rue Beaubourg,

75003 Paris

photo: Jeanne Vicerial, *Mue n°5*, 2022 Courtesy of the artist and Galerie Templon @ ADAGP, Paris, 2025. Photo: Adrien Millot.



## **INSIGNTIO**

What is expressed in silence? What is said, and not said, in the face of Jeanne Vicerial's textile sculptures, powerful and enigmatic figures that come to us like proud and silent sentinels?

The exhibition *In Silentio* is the story of the encounter between the weaver Jeanne Vicérial and the philosopher Claire Marin. They invite us to explore the secrets and murmurs, the whispers, the unspoken internal dialogue that silence produces.

Their unprecedented collaboration weaves together threads and words, texts and textures, in a world populated by bodies that cannot be reduced to gender, species, or any other category. Are these hybrid presences women or men, insects or humans? Are they animate or petrified, light or heavy? Do they belong to the past, or to the future? And what do they tell us about our own bodies and their transformations?

At the heart of the exhibition, a robot comes to life to create a wall of delicate threads using Vicerial's "tricotissage" technique so as to protect an immaculate sleeping figure. The organs within that figure have been transformed into flowers, symbolising life and fragility. The idea is to reanimate this recumbent figure, this reclining body, ready to rise again to tell us its story. In this strange laboratory, a silent army takes shape. Through pleats, threads, seams, and drapes, these recumbent figures redraw their own vision of femininity.

A short film, *Une Re.Naissance*, accompanies the exhibition. Directed and designed by Louise Ernandez with Jeanne Vicerial, the film is a poetic evocation of the artist's working process and inspirations.



Jeanne Vicerial (b. 1991) began making clothes in her teens. After studying at the Arts Décoratifs in Paris, she began a research project in design that took the form of a doctoral thesis that questioned fast fashion. Thanks to a partnership with the mechatronics department at Mines-ParisTech, she developed a patented robotic process for producing made-to-measure garments without waste. She also founded the Clinique vestimentaire design studio, where she develops new principles of textile design.

Philosopher, author, and philosophy teacher in Classes préparatoires aux grandes écoles, **Claire Marin** (b. 1974) conducts research into the trials of existence, identity, and intimacy. Her essays, which draw on literature and philosophy, are a sensitive reflection on contemporary society. After her bestseller *Rupture(s)* (L'Observatoire, 2019), she published *Être à sa place* in 2022, which was also a great critical and popular success. Her latest book, *Les Débuts : Par où recommencer ?* (Autrement, 2023) explores the different facets of the moments when our lives are reinvented.