



LA CITADELLE

‘Underwater Symphony’ – Personal Exhibition

Benoît Barbagli

June 29th 2024 - September 22th 2024

This summer, La Citadelle de Villefranche-sur-Mer presents, "Underwater Symphonie" an exhibition by Benoît Barbagli, whose photographic work explores the universe of the sea and the interaction between humans and their natural environment. Benoît Barbagli is known for his innovative approach to landscape photography, creating sometimes humorous, sometimes melancholic images that combine the power of the elements with the fragility of bodies.

Born in 1989, Benoît studied at the National School of Fine Arts at the Villa Arson in Nice. His compositions evoke both the vulnerability and the power of the marine ecosystem, by playing on visual metaphors that contain a poetic narrative. His photographs are characterised by a remarkable technical mastery, and the photographic exhibition in the gardens of La Citadelle is intended to be a sensory experience, combining the visual with the evocation of sound. The figures playing music in or out of the water appear like divine heralds, calling on humanity to wake up.

In an attempt to capture fleeting moments of beauty, each photograph becomes an open window to a world that is both near and far away, in a different reality, and can be seen as a reminder of the importance of escaping from everyday life in order to rethink our relationship with what surrounds us.

Barbagli's work takes a committed stance and resonates with contemporary ecological concerns, calling our attention to the need to protect the ocean in the face of the growing threat of pollution and climate change. His art, at once contemplative and militant, seeks to raise an awareness, while offering an aesthetic pleasure; a meditative symphony not to be missed



BENOIT BARBACLI
Ocean Calling, 2022- Série, Jazz-Submarine
Photography
with Benoit Barbagli
Courtesy galerie Eva Vautier



BENOIT BARBACLI
Cercle song, 2022 - Série, Jazz-Submarine
Photography
with Evan Bourgeau & Aimée Fleury
Courtesy galerie Eva Vautier

Curators :

**Camille Frasca, Director La Citadelle Art Center and Museum, heritage Curator
Courtesy Galerie Eva Vautier**

La Citadelle, Art Center and Museum

Director - Camille Frasca

Deputy director - Caroline Payan

Exhibition management - Michelle Klein, assisted by Christine Ardoin & Michel Fugaro

**The summer contemporary art parcours of La Citadelle
June 29th au september 22th 2024**

Open every Day 10a.m to 5p.m, except public holidays

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