

Grandpalais

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Press release

Jean Paul Cluzel's mission for the Grand Palais and the RMN: Three task forces set up

As part of the mission entrusted to him by the French President, Nicolas Sarkozy, and the Minister of Culture and Communication, Frédéric Mitterrand, Jean-Paul Cluzel, President of the Grand Palais and of the board of directors of the Réunion des musées nationaux (RMN), has invited leading personalities to take part in three task forces, exchanging and discussing their ideas and experience, and the potential of the Grand Palais / RMN project.

These personalities come from a wide range of cultural backgrounds: managers of French and foreign institutions, independent commissioners, producers of events and entertainment, organisers of trade shows, scientists, and specialists in digital technologies ... The groundwork for the new Grand Palais project must be part of a wider debate involving every aspect of the cultural sphere, from museums to the most contemporary performing arts... The transversal nature of creativity today and the new audience that this has created, digital developments, the international dimension, the dialogue between art and science are all issues that will be addressed in the project for "the Grand Palais of the 21st century" envisioned by the French authorities.

These expert groups will explore three broad themes, meeting notably at two sessions (February and March), chaired by Jean-Paul Cluzel, who will be assisted by Claudie Haigneré, President of Universcience and Thomas Grenon, General Administrator of the Réunion des musées nationaux:

- Group 1: The cultural and scientific project for the "new" Grand Palais
- Group 2: The missions of the future operator responsible for the Grand Palais and the RMN
- Group 3: The digital developments that will be indispensable for opening the project and reaching a wider audience beyond those who are physically able to attend the events staged in the building.

The first Group 1 meeting will be held on February 5 in the rooms of the France-Amérique Association and will be chaired by Frédéric Mitterrand, Minister of Culture and Communication.

Jean-Paul Cluzel will submit his report to the French President on March 31 2010.

See the list of task force members, page 2.

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Group 1 – Project for the new Grand Palais / Meetings to be held on February 5 and March 4

Jean-Jacques Aillagon, President of the Château de Versailles

Martin Béthenod, General commissioner, FIAC, Paris

Barry Bergdoll, Chief Curator of the Department of Architecture and Design, Moma, New-York

Guillaume Cerutti, President of Sotheby's France

Guy Cogeval, President, Musée d'Orsay, Paris

David Edwards, founder of the Laboratoire à Paris and the Cloud Foundation, Boston

Robert Fleck, Director of the Bundestkunsthalle, Bonn

Didier Fusillier, Director of the Maison des Arts et de la Culture, Créteil, Director of Lille 3000

Hou Hanru, Curator of the San Francisco Art Institute, Commissioner of the Lyon Biennial 2009

Henri Loyrette, PDG of the Louvre Museum, Paris

Jean-Hubert Martin, General curator for heritage, Paris

Stéphane Martin, President of the Musée du Quai Branly, Paris

Maite Ocaña, Director of the Catalonia Museum of Fine Arts, Barcelona

Sir Norman Rosenthal, former Director of the Exhibitions department of the Royal Academy, London

Beatrix Ruf, Curator of the Kunsthalle, Zürich

Alain Seban, President of the Centre Pompidou, Paris

Jorge Wagensberg, professor, Director from 1991 to 2005 of CosmoCaixa, Barcelona

Guy Walter, Director of Subsistances, Lyon

Group 2 – The missions of the future Grand Palais / RMN operator. Meetings to be held on February 15 and March 8

Bernard Blistène, Director of cultural development, Centre Pompidou, Paris

Thierry Crépin-Leblond, Director of the Musée national de la Renaissance, Ecoen

Xavier Douroux, Co-director of Consortium, Dijon

Jean de Loisy, exhibition commissioner

Bruno Gaudichon, Director of La Piscine, Roubaix

Thierry Gausseron, General administrator of the Musée d'Orsay, Paris

Fabrice Hergott, Director of the City of Paris Museum of Modern Art

Michel Hilaire, Director of the Musée Fabre, Montpellier

Christian Kert, deputy, vice-president of the French parliamentary commission for Cultural Affairs and Education

Maurice Quenet, former Rector of the Académie de Paris

Thierry Raspail, Director of the City of Lyon Museum of Contemporary Art

Emmanuel Starcky, Director of the museums and domains of the Châteaux de Compiègne and Blérancourt

Catherine Sueur, Deputy general administrator of the Louvre Museum, Paris

Elisabeth Taburet-Delahaye, Director of the National Museum of the Middle Ages, Thermes and Hôtel de Cluny, Paris

Marie-Paule Viale, Director of the Marseilles Museums

Group 3 – Digital developments / Meetings to be held on February 19 and March 11

Pierre Bellanger, President of Skyrock, Paris

Jonathan Benassaya, founder and CEO of Deezer, Paris

Claude Grunitzky, President of Trace TV and Trace Magazine, New-York

Pierre Kosciusko-Morizet, co-founder and Director of Priceminister.com, Paris

Alexandre Michelin, Editorial and content director, MSN.fr, Paris

Véronique Morali, founder of Terrafemina, president of Fimalac développement, Paris

Fabrice Sergent, founder of Club Internet, New-York

Adam Szymczyk, Director of the Kunsthalle, Basel

Henri Verdier, moderator of the France Télécom Foundation think tank, Paris

Yannick Vernet, head of the multimedia project, MUC₂EM, Marseille

