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De Mains De Maîtres Luxembourg celebrates its tenth anniversary with an outstanding programme spanning Venice, Paris, Switzerland and Luxembourg

*De Mains De Maîtres opens a **new chapter in its history**, with four highlights showcasing Luxembourg's exceptional craftsmanship, from **summer 2026 to winter 2027***



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Founded in 2016 at the initiative of Their Royal Highnesses Grand Duke Guillaume and Grand Duchess Stéphanie of Luxembourg, De Mains De Maîtres Luxembourg showcases the excellence and diversity of the Grand Duchy's artistic crafts and artisanal expertise through its Biennale, bringing together the work of exceptional masters at 19 Liberté, a landmark heritage venue.

In 2026, De Mains De Maîtres Luxembourg celebrates its tenth anniversary with an outstanding programme under the general curatorship of Jean-Marc Dimanche. In celebration of this landmark anniversary, the association is launching an unprecedented international cycle of exhibitions, travelling from Venice to Luxembourg by way of Crans-Montana (Switzerland) and La Roche-Guyon (France). This anniversary provides an opportunity to assert the ambitions of an organisation that has now established itself among Europe's leading events dedicated to the artistic crafts.

In doing so, De Mains De Maîtres continues to champion artisans whose mastery of craft, shaped by rigorous training and years of dedicated practice, represents a living heritage that is integral to the country's cultural landscape.

Ten years as a key European event

In the space of a decade, De Mains De Maîtres Luxembourg has established itself as a key player on the European artistic crafts scene. A unique platform at the crossroads of European savoir-faire, the initiative stands out for its rigorous selection, bringing together highly skilled artisans, workshops and craft professionals whose technical mastery is rooted in contemporary artistic enquiry.

Each edition of the Biennale brings together more than 100 artisans across 2,500 m² in the heart of Luxembourg, showcasing hundreds of exceptional works to an audience of 15,000 visitors. Joiners, cabinetmakers, glassmakers, ceramicists, textile designers, milliners, jewellers and goldsmiths come together in a vibrant dialogue that reflects the contemporary vitality of the artistic crafts. Through skilled workmanship, a profound understanding of materials and the transmission of knowledge, they transform raw matter into objects of remarkable quality and character. Their disciplines are rooted in a culture of excellence, nurtured over time and passed down through generations.

This 2026–2027 anniversary season marks a new milestone: for the first time, the Biennale ventures beyond its traditional borders for a cycle of exhibitions across Europe, consolidating a network of committed partners, institutions, workshops and professionals.

"De Mains De Maîtres has shown that the excellence of the artisan's hand is a living response to the challenges of our time. Through this anniversary season, De Mains De Maîtres reaffirms its role: to reveal artisanal excellence as a universal language, capable of engaging with contemporary issues, and to bring together an international community of artisans, collectors, institutions and engaged audiences." – Jean-Marc Dimanche



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Four highlights for a landmark anniversary season

De Mains De Maîtres is taking a decisive step in its development with the launch of an ambitious international cycle of exhibitions. This new momentum reflects a clear ambition: to carry contemporary creation and the artistic crafts beyond Luxembourg's borders alone, making the Biennale a profoundly European event and fostering dialogue between cultures, territories and savoir-faire.

From 1st to 30 September 2026: Fiat Lux, the inaugural exhibition, held during Homo Faber, Venice

The programme will begin in summer 2026 in Venice, in partnership with Homo Faber and the Michelangelo Foundation. The inaugural exhibition, entitled *Fiat Lux*, will bring together some thirty artisans across 150 m² around a shared reflection on light. A source of life, knowledge and creation, light transcends disciplines and eras. Here it becomes a guiding thread, inviting the artists to explore its many dimensions: material, spiritual and symbolic.

February 2027: Fondation Opale, Crans-Montana (Switzerland)

This event leads into the second stage of the European itinerary, as De Mains De Maîtres continues its journey in Switzerland, within the contemporary setting of the Fondation Opale in Crans-Montana.

From 1st April to 16 May 2027: Château de La Roche-Guyon, Val d'Oise (France)

De Mains De Maîtres Luxembourg will then make a stop in the historic salons of the Château de La Roche-Guyon. Located on the outskirts of Paris, this heritage site will offer a powerful dialogue between historic architecture and European artisanal excellence. The journey will culminate in the sixth edition of the Biennale, held in Luxembourg in November 2027 in synergy with Luxembourg Art Week.

November 2027: 6th edition of the De Mains De Maîtres Biennale (Luxembourg)

The sixth edition of the Biennale will be the centrepiece of the tenth-anniversary celebrations and will welcome Italy as guest country of honour. Held in synergy with Luxembourg Art Week, this event will carry a strong ambition: to establish Luxembourg as a central European destination for the artistic crafts.

Through this trajectory, De Mains De Maîtres Luxembourg reaffirms its role as a bridge between artistic craftsmanship and contemporary creation, working towards the recognition of the artistic crafts as pillars of Luxembourg's living heritage.



About De Mains De Maîtres

Founded in 2016 at the initiative of Their Royal Highnesses Grand Duke Guillaume and Grand Duchess Stéphanie of Luxembourg, the De Mains De Maîtres Biennale takes place every two years over seven days at the heart of 19 Liberté in Luxembourg, under the general curatorship of Jean-Marc Dimanche. It brings together more than 100 artisans and hundreds of remarkable pieces for 15,000 visitors in the heart of Luxembourg, with the support of the Chamber of Skilled Trades and Crafts of Luxembourg (Chambre des Métiers) and Spuerkeess. <http://www.demainsdemaitres.lu/>

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