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In June 2025, Nice will host the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC 2025). This international summit will bring together leaders and governments from all over the world to debate and decide on the future of our planet. To mark the occasion, the City of Nice is placing its 6th Arts Biennial under the banner of the Ocean, bringing together cultural players, institutions and partners around this project.

"As host city of the 3rd United Nations Conference on the Oceans, Nice has a duty to use its cultural programme as a lever for understanding and embracing the issues raised by the summit. Our aim is to touch hearts and minds, so that we can become agents of change and initiate this essential and inevitable transition," says Christian Estrosi, Mayor of Nice, President of the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolitan Area and Deputy President of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region.

This event, now a firm favourite with art lovers and the general public alike, has been exceptionally renamed the 'Biennale des Arts et de l'Océan'. Following on from 'Fleurs !' in 2022, this year's biennial has been given the specific title 'La Mer autour de nous' (The Sea Around Us), borrowed from the work of Rachel Carson, the eminent American marine biologist considered to be a pioneering figure in the field of ecology.

11 exhibitions with installations and associated events in 7 museums in Nice, as well as at 109, a third-party venue of the City of Nice, and at the Villa Arson;

- an Art in the City trail, a major new feature of this year's event.
- Two international foundations, Fondation Tara Océan and TBA21 Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary, are also partners.

"The artistic intention is to offer an artistic and cultural odyssey through time and imagination, rooted in the history of Nice and its coastline. The museums and partners involved in this year's event will be exploring the different facets of our relationship with the ocean: From the relics of ancient expeditions to contemporary explorations of the deep sea, from the marine species that populate the coast of Nice to fantastic creatures, from the first inhabitants of the coastline to the uses of seaside resorts today, from the fascination for the "landscape" of the Mediterranean Sea to the imaginations of contemporary artists aware of the urgency of ecological issues, these exhibitions will reveal different facets of our relationship with the ocean", say Jean-Jacques Aillagon and Hélène Guenin.