

MB&F M.A.D.GALLERY LAUNCHES “MECRE” EXHIBITION – FUTURISTIC MECHANICAL ART THAT REPRESENTS THE EVOLUTION OF INSECTS

Riveting mechanical art pieces will be on display from the 12th of December 2018 to 30th of March, 2019 at MB&F M.A.D.Gallery, Dubai Mall



Dubai, UAE – 12 December 2018: The MB&F M.A.D.Gallery is proud to showcase sixteen evolutionary insects from the series “MeCre” (short for “Mechanical Creatures”) by German mechanical artist Gaby Wormann, at her first exhibition in the Middle East. Inspired by the writings of Franz Kafka and the work of artists H.R. Giger and Pierre Matter, Gaby Wormann takes tiny components from the world of watchmaking and mechanical engineering – gears, plates, balance springs and filaments, for example – and incorporates them into the bodies of prepared insects – as beautiful bespoke mechanical exoskeletons. Wormann’s art features astonishing creations that demonstrate a rare mastery and represent her futuristic vision of the evolution of insects: new, hybrid lifeforms which are organisms fused with mechanics that are more resistant, efficient and technically optimized.

After intense research of insect physiques and biomechanics studies, Wormann will be showcasing her biggest creatures yet, resulting in a series of bionic insects that appear eerily real: if the sight of a Giant Spider isn’t arresting enough for you, then Wormann’s Tarantula – Theraphosa Blondi secundus with mechanized body and mechanically enhanced legs, surely takes this arachnid to a whole new level of exoticism. Likewise, her Chalcosoma Atlas Sextus possesses impressive layers of mechanical gears endowing this large-winged giant beetle with even more three-dimensionality than Mother Nature provided, while Wormann’s Scorpion sextus with its super-sized sharp claws and four bionic legs offers an unforgettable glimpse into the world of hybrid insects.

“I discovered Gaby’s work on the internet a few years back and was immediately mesmerized. The incredible mastery of her “Mechanical Grafting” technique is unparalleled worldwide, and the results are breathtaking. Her “Mechanical Creatures” leaves one overwhelmed in fascination and I am thrilled to finally be able to showcase her work in Dubai, after several successful exhibitions in Geneva and Taipei,” said Maximilian Büsser, Founder and Curator of MB&F M.A.D.Gallery.

“Insects inspire me, they are a marvel creation of nature and very fragile beings. To modify their bodies in a technical way and to give them a new futuristic identity is an artistic challenge – a photo, illustration or digital rendering will never adequately transform my vision as people need to experience it in real life to see the beauty and intricacies of these mechanical creatures. I am very proud to get this amazing opportunity to exhibit my best and most elaborate creations at the MB&F M.A.D.Gallery in Dubai,” said Gaby Wormann.

The “MeCre” exhibition will be on display at the MB&F M.A.D.Gallery, Dubai Mall, from 12th of December 2018 to 30th of March 2019 and include:

Theraphosa blondi secundus
Size: 38 x 32 x 10cm



Dynastes hercules quintus
Size: 38 x 32 x 10cm



Mecynorrhina septimus
Size: 28 x 24 x 8cm



Chalcosoma atlas sextus
Size: 28 x 24 x 8cm



Megasoma actaeon quartus
Size: 38 x 32 x 10cm



Callipogon quintus
Size: 38 x 32 x 10cm



Goliathus ex quintus
Size: 34 x 29 x 8.5cm



Attacus atlas secundus
Size: 38 x 32 x 10cm



Morpho quintus

Size: 34 x 29 x 8.5cm



Lophacris secundus

Size: 34 x 29 x 8.5cm



Batocera secundus

Size: 34 x 29 x 8.5cm



Macrodonia tertius

Size 34 x 29 x 8.5cm



Psalidog

Size: 28 x 24 x 8cm



Scorpion sextus

Size: 34 x 29 x 8.5cm



Acanthoscurria

Size: 34 x 29 x 8.5cm



Heteropteryx

Size: 34 x 29 x 8.5cm



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The MB&F M.A.D.Gallery is a captivating universe of kinetic art where Horological Machines and Mechanical Art Devices reign supreme. The first M.A.D.Gallery opened in 2011 in Geneva on Rue Verdaine, a stone's throw from MB&F's offices and atelier in the heart of the city's old town. Then came Taipei in 2014, Dubai in 2016 and Hong Kong in 2018. Inside the galleries, not only will you find the complete range of MB&F Horological Machines and Legacy Machines, but you'll also have the pleasure of discovering carefully-curated pieces – or, as we like to call them, Mechanical Art Devices – from around the world, each one making your heart beat that little bit faster.

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