

# Casa das Sete Senhoras Photography exhibition of Tito Mouraz

Voies Off Gallery, Arles :: April 15, 2016 - May 31, 2016 Opening on Saturday April 16, as part of the Arles Contemporain week-end







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Tito Mouraz is a young portugueese photographer. We discovered his work in 2013, during the Encontros da Imagem Festival, in Braga, Portugal. Since then, Voies Off represents his work, and exhibited a part of his serie 'Casa das Sete Senhoras' in January 2015 for the London Art Fair, and last July during the Projection Nights of the Voies Off Festival. We are delighted to present again his work in a complete exhibition at the Voies Off Gallery. The opening will be part of the fourth Arles Contemporain week-

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#### Casa das Sete Senhoras

There's a house in the region of Beira-Alta, in Portugal, that is said to be haunted by the ghosts of seven women.

Deeply influenced by the place he grew up, Tito Mouraz created a photographic series about the legend of this rural place.

"It is still said around here that the house is haunted. At the house lived seven women, all maiden sisters. One of them was a witch. On full moon nights, the ladies in their white garments would fly from the balcony to the leafy branches of the chestnut across the street. From there they would seduce men who passed by.

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This series gives an account of a persistent return to the same place, so as to scrutinize its differences (the slow deactivation of agricultural practices, the gradual transformation of the territory, aging ...), in spite of listening to the same owl, to the same fox, to the same stories.

Same as in legend, perhaps the magic and appalling features, this cyclical experience, were my greatest wound: night, fumes, corpses, moon, ruin, sounds. A place of affections, after all I was also born here."

Tito Mouraz

#### **TITO MOURAZ**

Tito Mouraz was born 1977 in Portugal. He finished the Visual Arts and Photography course in the Superior Art School of Oporto (Escola Superior Artística do Porto) in 2010, being this the city where he lives and works currently. Exhibits regularly since 2009 in Portugal and abroad, being the most relevant exhibitions in Encontros da Imagem de Braga (2010, 2013 and 2014), Módulo – Centro Difusor de Arte, Lisbon (2011 and 2013) and Museu da Imagem, Braga (2013).

Winner in 2013 of The Emergentes DST International Photography Award and the Portfolio Review Award, Carpe Diem Arte e Pesquisa. He is represented by Módulo - Centro Difusor de Arte - Lisbon in Portugal and by the Voies Off Gallery - Arles in France . His work is present in the BES Art public collection and in some private collections.

More details: www.voies-off.com, www.titomouraz.com

- → EXHIBITION FROM APRIL 15, 2016 TO MAY 31, 2016
- → OPENING ON SATURDAY APRIL16, 2016 AT 6PM
- → VOIES OFF GALLERY: 26T RUE RASPAIL, 13200 ARLES. FRANCE
- → MON-FR, 11AM-6PM. ON SATURDAYS WITH AN APPOINTMENT







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(...) for this photographer, landscape does not mean something one describes, represents or witnesses, but a place which is inhabited by tension and where the visible elements seem to invoke not only material presence, but also absences, spirits and magic.

Nuno Crespo Art historian

## EXCEPTIONAL OPENING OF VOIES OFF GALLERY DURING THE ARLES CONTEMPORAIN WEEK END

Arles Contemporain is a network composed by 18 structures devoted to contemporary art. Voies Off gallery is part of this network. The fourth Arles Contemporain week-end will take place from April 15 to 17, 2016.



More information :: www.arles-contemporain.com

### → Voies Off Gallery :: contemporary Photography :: Arles (France)

Opened in July 2007, the Voies Off gallery is a natural complement to the Voies Off festival whose raison-d'être is the support and promotion of young creative photography. Under Christophe Laloi's direction, the Voies Off gallery schedules emerging or full-fledged artists. The Voies Off gallery is opened year round and located at the heart of the ancient city of Arles. It occupies a 150 m2 space dedicated to contemporary photography. Admission is free.

**Useful Informations** :: The gallery is open Mon-Fr, 11 am.-6 pm. On Saturdays with an appointment. **Infoline** :: +334 90 96 93 82 - photographie@voies-off.com

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