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AN ARTISTIC EVENT OF WORLD IMPORTANCE IN LAUSANNE

The Second *Salon international de Galeries-pilotes* was recently opened at the Palais de Rumine in Lausanne. This avant-garde art exhibition will remain open until 2nd October of this year and will attract all those, both in Switzerland and abroad, who are interested in the latest trends in art today. This exhibition does not aim to promote any particular style of art but wishes to present regularly to the general public the works and experiments of contemporary artists from all over the world, through the intermediary of "pilot" or avant-garde galleries that specialise in the discovery and launching of new trends. This year, sixteen galleries have exhibited, all different from those that took part in the first *salon* held in 1963. The impeccably organised second *Salon international de Galeries-pilotes* gives everyone therefore the possibility of getting to know the latest trends of contemporary art by viewing the works themselves.

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OUR NEXT ISSUE

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