



L'ÉTÉ PHOTOGRAPHIQUE DE LECTOURE

July 11 — September 20 2026

Press release



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In contrast to the sensational and media-driven image, the artists featured this year in L'été photographique de Lectoure each take their own approach to what surrounds us but goes unseen, or what we no longer notice because it has long been before our eyes.

They draw on the line of questioning explored in *The Infra-ordinary* (1989) by Georges Perec, when he writes : «What really happens, what we live through, the rest, all the rest, where it is? What happens every day and returns every day, the banal, the everyday, the obvious, the common, the ordinary, the infra-ordinary, the background noise, the habitual, how are we to account for it, how are we to question it, how are we to describe it?»

The festival program thus brings together artistic practices connected to the imperceptible, to what might be considered «almost nothing». Some of the photographers presented in the exhibitions choose to focus on their immediate surroundings and on landscapes familiar to them. Other artists turn their gaze toward things at close range, seeking to reveal what is not necessarily visible at first glance and what resist hasty observation, such as, for example, the invisible traces of pollution.

This summer, the Centre of Art and Photography of Lectoure invites us to pay attention to what we might too easily overlook. For if we take the time, and these artistic projects bear witness to it, we come to realize that everything that makes up daily life, once approached with sensitivity, can instead become a potential subject. Each in their own way, these different perspectives remind us how much photography still remains a remarkable tool for making the world around us legible.

Lilian Froger, exhibition curator

ARTISTS

Aline Bovard Rudaz
Jonàs Forchini
Coline Jourdan
Lucas Leglise
Yamamoto Masao
Brune Pâris
Léonie Pondevie
Charles Thiefaine

Commissariat associé : Lilian Froger

PLACES

→ **Centre d'art et de photographie**
Yamamoto Maso

→ **Cerisaie**
Brune Pâris

→ **École Bladé**
Léonie Pondevie
Charles Thiefaine

→ **Halle aux grains**
Aline Bovard Rudaz
Jonàs Forchini
Coline Jourdan
Lucas Leglise

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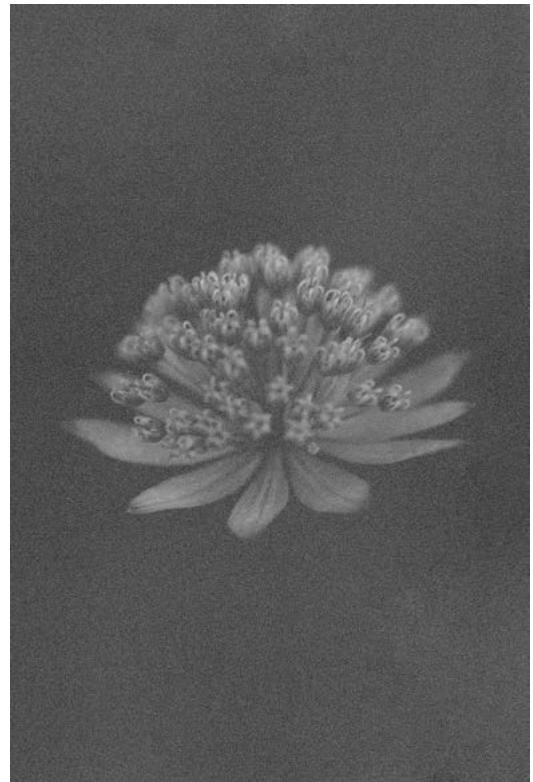
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Yamamoto Masao

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A box of Ku, #619 © Galerie Camera Obscura, Paris/ Galeria Valid Foto BCN, Barcelona



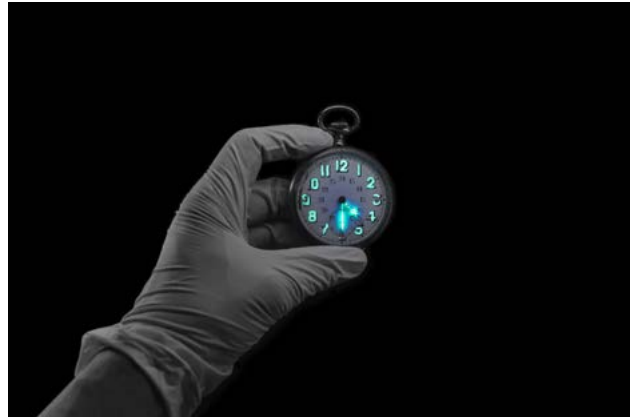
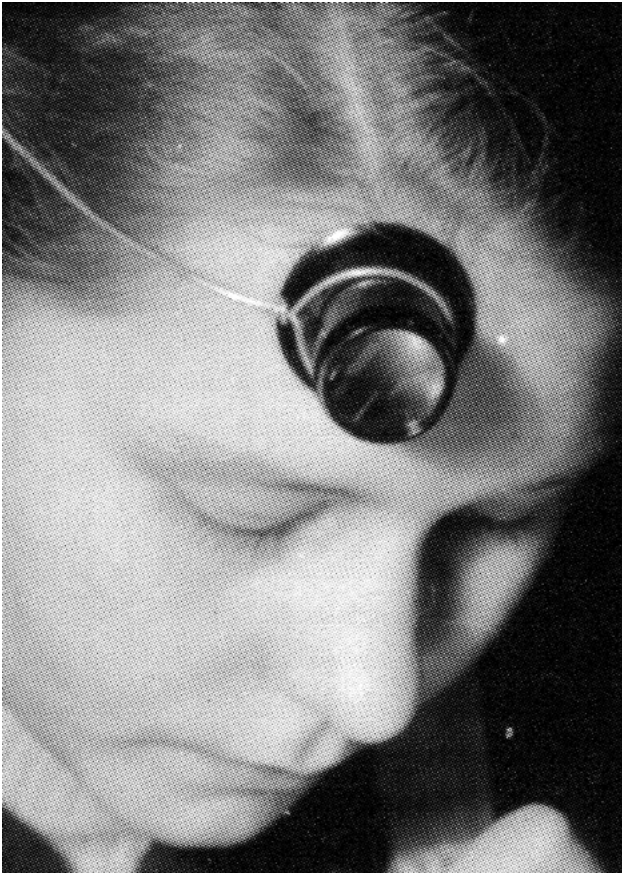
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Un point bleu pâle © Léonie Pondevie



Charles Thiéfaine
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Aline Bovard Rudaz
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Jonàs Forchini
Un apprentissage du trouble © Jonàs Forchini





Coline Jourdan
Sublimation, 2022 © Coline Jourdan



Lucas Leglise
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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

→ Festival

July 11 – September 20 2026

→ Opening

July 11 and 12.

Opening night on Saturday, July 11 at 8 PM in Lectoure, with artists and exhibition curators.

→ Opening days and hours

Open every day !

2 PM – 7 PM

→ Prices and Admission

Pass 10 euros.

Free admission : residents of Lectoure, members, press, under 18s, art mediation students, people with reduced mobility, job seekers, and social welfare recipients.

→ Access to Lectoure

Lectoure (Gers) is located halfway between Auch and Agen.

By public transport : TGV station in Agen (3 hours from and 1h30 from Toulouse).

Carpooling available via the [réseau liO Occitanie](#).

→ Press trip

Press welcomed and supported by the Departmental Tourism Committee and the Gascogne Lomagne Tourist Office.

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Pays Porte de Gascogne

LE CENTRE D'ART ET DE PHOTOGRAPHIE DE LECTOURE

Founded in 1987, the *Arrêt sur images* association initially organized an exhibition every summer, and from 1990, a festival : *L'été photographique de Lectoure*. The Centre d'art and photography of Lectoure is the only art center dedicated to photography in the Occitanie region. It was recognized in 1991 by the Ministry of Culture as one of the seven art centers in France dedicated to photography and received the CACIN label in 2020 (Contemporary Art Center of National Interest).

Focused on photography but open to all forms of contemporary art, the Centre d'art and photography of Lectoure - CACIN contributed to raising awareness and promoting artistic education in the region through a variety of actions. It organizes year-round monographic and collectif exhibitions, both in gallery and off site, artist residencies, and *L'été photographique de Lectoure*. The center supports artistic creation by hosting artists in residence, producing and distributing new works, and fostering access to culture in rural areas through mediation activities aimed at a wide audience.



Since 2018, the façade of the art center has been adorned with an installation by photographer Arno Brignon, who was hosted for an artist residency in Lectoure in 2017. The portraits taken with a large-format camera, depict the people of Lectoure who collaborated with the artist during his residency : shopkeepers, artisans, employees of Intermarché, firefighters, Sister of Providence, volunteers from the Catholic Relief Service, clients of the iconic Café des Spors, or simply local residents!

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