



Top appointment at Nouveau Musée National de Monaco

**Björn Dahlström will take over from Marie-Claude
Beaud
on 1 April 2021**

Marie-Claude Beaud, who has led the Nouveau Musée National de Monaco - Villa Paloma and Villa Sauber - since 2009, will leave her post on 1 April 2021. Björn Dahlström has been chosen to lead the Principality's art museum in her place.

Björn Dahlström (1975, Casablanca) is an art historian (École du Louvre, Paris) and museum director.

In 2000, when he was creating an inventory for the collection of works by artist Bob Wilson at the Watermill Center in the US, Björn Dahlström met Marie-Claude Beaud, who was then head of Mudam (Luxembourg's museum of modern art) and asked him to join her. He went on to work with her on planning and programming for the museum, which opened in 2006.

In this guise, they acted as commissioner and curator for the exhibition "Air Conditioned" by artist Su-Mei Tse, which saw Luxembourg awarded the Golden Lion for Best National Participation at the 50th Biennale di Venezia in 2003.

In 2008, he was part of a group of international curators and researchers who supported sports equipment manufacturer Puma's new international policy on sponsoring contemporary art in Africa and bringing together the contemporary African art scene. This led to Jochen Zeitz establishing the ZEITZ Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (MOCAA) in Cape Town, South Africa.

In 2010, Björn Dahlström returned to his native Morocco when the Jardin Majorelle Foundation asked him to create the Berber Museum in Marrakech. He served as the museum's curator for nine years. At the same time, on behalf of Pierre Bergé, he coordinated the restoration of the Émile Zola House near Paris and led plans for the Dreyfus Museum, which is set to open in spring 2021 in the gardens of the author's house.

In 2015, working alongside Pierre Bergé and Madison Cox, he led the project to build the Yves Saint Laurent Museum in Marrakech (architects: Studio KO). The museum opened two years

later right next to the Jardin Majorelle, and Dahlström was appointed its director. In 2019, he also took on the leadership role for the Yves Saint Laurent Museum in Paris.

From April 2021, Björn Dahlström will take over from Marie-Claude Beaud as head of the Nouveau Musée National de Monaco.