

Mais parfois un jeu peut en cacher un autre.

19.07 – 14.08.26

exhibition by top-là

EN top-là is a Lausanne-based collective of twelve visual artists brought together by a sense of camaraderie that began in a classroom. The collective was founded in 2024, following several years of study at CEPV in Vevey in Visual Communication, with a specialization in photography.

"Mais parfois un jeu peut en cacher un autre." — *But sometimes one game hides another.* in english — is an exhibition resulting from a residency dedicated to experimentation and creation at Terrain Gurzelen, where espace annexe exhibition space is located.

The collective set out to investigate the theme of "play." As their way of working together is rooted in friendship and mutual trust, they noticed that many of the characteristics of play closely resemble the collective's own processes. Whether through making together, playful methods, or the need for care and respect, play is a fundamental model for the collective.

For this project, play is imagined as a laboratory, as a sociological study that examines the limits, emotions, and behaviours within the ecosystem of the collective. It establishes frameworks and rules, places everyone on equal footing, encourages letting go, and allows things to emerge: laughter, disagreements, gratitude. Play becomes an indirect way of creating through exchanges and relationships between players, giving rise to new ideas.

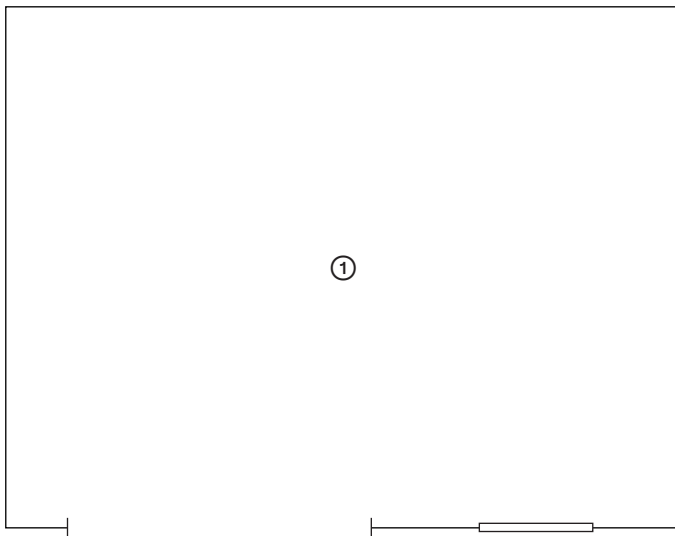
"Mais parfois un jeu peut en cacher un autre." highlights the importance of how we relate to one another and invent ways of being together. Simultaneously acting as both the subject of study and the researchers, the collective presents a range of subjective perspectives on their in-situ experience.

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Salt dough
Thermal paper print
Polaroid
Aluminium plates
Graphite
Aluminium can (Feldschlösschen)
Fabric ribbon
Markers
Spray paint
Plexiglas
Reclaimed wood
Nylon thread
Thumbtacks
Moo boxes
Foam ball
T-shirt
Gouache paint
Screws
Charred wood
Stone
Thumbtacks
Found objects
Mobile phone
Wool yarn
Brick
Pipe
Laser prints