



THE HIDDEN MOTHER

A psychoanalytic Exhibition-novel produced by **L'avenir dure longtemps**
Curator: **Sinziana Ravini** & Producer **Estelle Benazet**

In the 19th century, during the Victorian era in England and United States, a number of mothers that were photographed with their babies chose to hide behind a veil. Why? No one knows. The picture was later reframed, showing the child sitting alone. The mother thus disappeared a second time. Remove the reframed frame and you're left with a delightful creepy picture.

These uncanny images showing a mother which is both absent and present, are the departing point for the exhibition "The hidden mother", curated by Sinziana Ravini and her producer Estelle Benazet, who instigate a psychoanalytic journey exploring the dark continent of their mothers, differences and resemblances between their stories, and mothers in contemporary art, film, literature and visual culture.

Psychoanalysis becomes a curatorial methodology, since Ravini and Benazet chose to lay down on the same Divan in front of two psychoanalysts, bringing forth both their personal experiences with their mothers and artworks that have moved and changed them along the

way. The “psychoanalyse à deux”, becomes both a way of rethinking exhibition making, but also psychoanalysis as such. Ravini and Benazet are sharing their experiences in a novel based on the psychoanalytic sessions and correspondences.

The exhibition will take part at Berthe Morrisot’s Hotel Particulier at rue Paul Valery in Paris between 12 October and 17 November. The exhibition will be dramatized through intimate spaces that interlace artworks with books, transitional objects and films, thus creating an intermediatic sphere of unexpected linking à la Warburg’s non-linear narrations. The 13 of October there will be three roundtable discussions: one with the artists, Ravini & Benazet and the psychoanalysts, one about the role of the mother in psychoanalysis and one about art and psychoanalysis today.

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