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Cafe Philo

In collaboration with The Napac

Is there still a place for beauty in contemporary art?

Saturday, May 12, 2012, 14h-16h

Panel with: Stephen Schofield, Marie-Ève Charron, André-Louis Paré **Moderator:** Pierre Bertrand



Daniel Olson, L'Arrangement, 2000, video still

On May 12, the Napac will be focussing on esthetics, a branch of philosophy often overlooked.

While the debate on beauty was well represented among the founders of philosophy, it is clear that, today, beauty is sometimes completely absent from our experience of contemporary works.

Is this impression correct? Come discuss with us at the Joyce Yahouda Gallery.

For this occasion, we welcome Stephen Schofield, artist and professor at UQAM, Marie-Eve Charron, art critic for *Le Devoir*, and André-Louis Paré, philosophy teacher at Cégep André-Laurendeau. Napac's president, Pierre Bertrand, will act as moderator of the event.

A cafe philo is a discussion group whose themes are related to the philosophical tradition but also inspired by more current issues. They are being held in unconventional public places compared to other academic places such as colleges and universities. They are open to all, and the tone is formal yet flexible. A moderator encourages critical thinking and tolerance.

Admission is free; refreshments will be available.

The **Napac** is an association of philosophy teachers at the college level that has the mission to emphasize the philosophical discipline and spread it in Quebec public space. It organizes conferences, roundtables, symposia and cafe philos to help create opportunities for discussion and reflection among the general population.

