

## French Contemporary Artist to Follow Koons at Versailles

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French artist Xavier Veilhan's "Le Grand Mobile"

**Jeff Koons Xavier Veilhan A Svelte Sale Yields Positive Results at Sotheby's New Museum Announces "Younger Than Jesus" Roster Francesco Vezzoli Beyond the Bubbles Making It Neue Blue Chips and Bargain Hunters in Bologna**

PARIS—Following the controversial showing of American Pop artist **Jeff Koons**, French artist **Xavier Veilhan** will be exhibiting artwork at Versailles this fall.

Koons's exhibition of sculptures both inside the Louis XIV residence and in its gardens, while attended by more than a million visitors, was criticized by some as disrespectful to French heritage. The exhibition, which was extended, closed earlier this month.

Veilhan has been given "carte blanche" for his show, which will occupy the gardens only, Versailles President **Jean-Jacques Aillagon** told Agence France-Presse. Past works include monumental mobiles and a life-size rhinoceros coated in red lacquer.