



Christian Renonciat
Born in Paris in 1947 – Lives and works in Paris

Christian Renonciat studied philosophy at the Sorbonne. From 1969, he learned the woodworking trades, which would become the heart of his artistic practice. Over the years, his interest in the matter of things as a subject became clearer, sculpted in wood through various representations, from the most hyper realistic to almost abstract works. His work is shown in France, Switzerland, Belgium, USA, Japan, China, South Korea ...on a regular basis. He also develops another path, that of monumental creation, for which he combines imagination and technique in very diverse materials (cast steel, bronze, aluminum, gardens, etc.) often with the tone of an imaginary archeology. Some of his Installations are in Saumur, Tokyo, Sapporo, Atlanta, San Francisco, Monte-Carlo, Aytré, La Rochelle, Paris, Issy, Reims, London, Seoul, etc.

EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *Brafa Art Fair*, Galerie La Forest Divonne Brussels, Brussels, Belgium
- 2025 *Brafa Art Fair*, Galerie La Forest Divonne Brussels, Brussels, Belgium
Du bout des doigts – 50 ans de sculpture, Galerie Guillaume, Paris, France
Art On Paper à la galerie, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Brussels
- 2024 *Art Antwerp*, Galerie La Forest Divonne Brussels, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2023 *Brafa Art Fair*, Galerie La Forest Divonne Brussels, Belgium
- 2022 *Le Grain des choses*, Galerie La Forest Divonne Brussels, Belgium
- 2021 *Ondes*, Galerie Guillaume, Paris
- 2020 *La matière des choses* - Christian Renonciat / Bernadette Chéné / Rachel Labastie,
Galerie La Forest Divonne Brussels
- 2019 Château de Chaumont, France
Friselis, Galerie Guillaume, Paris
- 2015 Webhart Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
Foire de Kwangju, South Korea
- 2017 Gremillion & C°, Houston Texas USA
- 2016 *Art Paris*, Grand Palais, Paris, Galerie Olivier Waltman
Œuvres au noir, Galerie Waltman, Paris
Œuvres au noir, Galerie Ortega, Miami, USA
- 2015 *Art Paris*, Grand Palais, Paris, Galerie Olivier Waltman
- 2014 *The Way of Wood*, Gremillion & C° fine arts, Houston Texas USA

Les diagonales du carton, Galerie Piretti, Knokke-le-Zout, Belgium
Art Elysées, Galerie Olivier Waltman, Paris

- 2013 *Froissés composés*, Galerie Duchoze, Rouen
Solo : guest of honor, Arts Elysées, Paris
Au fil du bois, Centre d'art MATMUT, Château de Varengeville, Rouen
- 2011 *Froissés composés*, Galerie Mazel, Brussels
Composed Creases, Galerie Gremillion & fine arts, Houston, Texas, USA
- 2009 *Creased*, Galerie Gremillion & fine arts, Houston, Texas, USA
- 2006 *Pieces écrites*, Galerie Alain Blondel, Paris
Shina Galerie, Kyoto
Galerie EXARTE, Geneva
- 2007 *The way of wood*, Galerie Gremillion & fine arts, Houston, Texas
Fleur de peau, Galerie Island6, Shanghai; curator Claude Hudelot
- 2006 *Fleur de peau*, Galerie Hong Merchant, Shanghai, China
- 2005 *Fleur de peau*, Galerie Alain Blondel, Paris
- 2002/03 Hooks-Epstein Galerie, Houston, Texas, USA
Galerie Piretti, Knokke-le-Zoute, Belgium
- 2001 *Le toucher des choses*, Galerie Alain Blondel, Paris
- 2000 Epstein Gallery, Houston, Texas, USA
- 1999 *Bâtiment des forces motrices*, retrospective exhibition, Geneva
Phénix, cheval de proue, monument for the harbour of the Saint-Georges, Beirut
- 1997 *La voie du bois*, retrospective, Seoul ; Macao ; Hong-Kong ; Tokyo
Juxtapositions, Museum of Modern Art of Dubrovnik, Croatia
- 1996 *Vernis sages*, Galerie Alain Blondel, Paris
- 1991 *La Matière des choses*, retrospective, Musée des Beaux-Arts de Reims
- 1989 *Troublement*, FIAC, Grand Palais & Galerie Blondel II
- 1987 Exhibitions in Munich, Geneva, Tokyo, Hong- Kong, with Hermès
- 1982 *Cartons-Trace*, Galerie Alain Blondel, Paris
Pli selon pli, Galerie Alain Blondel
- 1981/82 International Art Fair, Chicago, USA
- 1980 *Emballages*, Galerie Alain Blondel, Paris
FIAC, Grand Palais, Galerie Alain Blondel, Paris
- 1978 *Sur le fil*, Galerie du Luxembourg, Paris
- 1976 Antibes, then Mougins City Hall
MJC Gorbella, Nice

COMMISSIONS AND MONUMENTAL INSTALLATIONS

- 2020 Two monumental sculptures for Hermés, Koweït city
Deux chevaux à l'abreuvoir, installation in the park of the Cavalerie, Pontoise
- 2015 *Le merle moqueur*, installation of tubes and steel balls, quartier du Fort, Issy-les-Moulineaux
- 2009 Large Tapestry-Cover (ayous wood, 3x4m), headquarters of Crédit Foncier de France, Paris
- 2001/2002 *La Vague*, La Rochelle, cast stone concrete, 10x3x3m
- 1995 *Cedar*, podium and carved wall for the Islamic Countries Conference, Tripoli, Lebanon (oak, 3x12m).
- 1997 *Archeval*, freeway A85, Saumur, horse welded steel tubes 12m high
- 1996 *A Gustave...*, carved fresco panel, for the post office, 1st floor of the Eiffel Tower, Paris (lime tree 2x6 m).
- 1994 *La Marseillaise*, Town hall of Issy-les-Moulineaux. Large carved panel (poplar, 6x8 m)
Les trois gardiens, three cast iron columns for the reception hall. Architect J.L. Berthet
Colonnade, alignment of pillars Troublement at the Direction of France 2; Architect J.L. Berthet
- 1990 Creation of the garden of the source and the garden of the waterfall, for the head office of Hermés, Pantin
Oasis, Monumental sculpture for the Summer Sporting of Monte-Carlo, SBM (tilleul, 12x4x2m)
Creation of a centerpiece for the CSCE of Paris; sycamore and poly lacquered, 17x5m Reims
La Pierre d'heures, sundial, cast iron, 6x6x5m, 20.000 kg
Vinci et Copernic, EBRD headquarters, London, sculptures and drawings
- 1989 *Au fil du trait*, Daï Ichi Shinbashi building, Tokyo, aluminium 6x12x6m
Le Cheval d'Aytré, public square, Aytré, near La Rochelle, cast steel 25 000 kg
- 1988 *Pégase*, renaissant (concrete), Sapporo, Japan (with ARPE), 3x2m
- 1986 Large torn wall (poplar 3x8m), and Cello, Ark Mori building, Suntory C°, Tokyo
Mais où est donc Icare ? Articulated wings; stainless steel and leather, 3,20 m, for the High Museum in Atlanta
- 1984 *Eloge du cheval*, 1% monument for the Saumur Riding School: bronze, 2.50 x 2.20 m.
Avion-rédaction, 1% school rue de Tourtille, Paris XXe. Folded stainless steel sheet, lacquered; 2 x 2m.
- 1983 A quarter of research at the Manufacture de Sèvres (Ministry of Culture)

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- 2013 *Au fil du bois*, monography by Didier Carpentier
- 2011 *Pieces écrites*, Les Arches d'Issy
- 2006 *Le Parti-pris de la matière des choses*, exhibition catalog *Fleur de peau* de Hong Kong
- 2005 *La Grande Vague*, movie by Yves-Antoine Judde
- 2002 *Archeval*, film 26mn by Gilles Lallement
- 199a *La Voie du bois*, a book for the travelling exhibition *The Way of Wood* in Asia
- 1991 *La Pierre d'Heures*, City of Reims
Renonciat, monograph published by Ramsay, collection Visions
- 1989 *Le Cheval d'Aytré*, by Yves-Antoine Judde
- 1986 *L'Art et la matière*, Video moovie 26mn, by Claude Hudelot, la Rochelle
- 1980 *Le bois et la main*, short film Gaumont, by Jérôme Laperouzas