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Alquin

Born in 1958 in Brussels – Lives and works in Bagneux

Born in 1958 in Brussels into a family of artists, Alquin, Aleschinky's son, studied art restoration at the *Musée des Arts et Traditions Populaires* in Paris, before spending time in the studios of sculptors Reinhoud d'Haese and Étienne Martin.

He developed his artistic vocabulary along three main lines: wood (carved directly); beeswax carved and modeled in the mass (sometimes cast in bronze); and sepia or black ink (for brush washes). Working against the grain of post-minimalist sculptural principles, he deploys a practice that replays—not without intensity—the history of art, drawing on both marginal references and the grand narrative of sculpture.

In an ongoing dialogue between the Judeo-Christian heritage and the influence of "primary arts" on contemporary art, Nicolas Alquin gives material form, through his works, to a reflection on the relationships between the visible and the unspeakable, the hand and the mind, and mastery and chance. He does not hesitate to appropriate so-called "traditional" techniques—direct wood carving first and foremost, and bronze chiseling—infusing them with diverse influences and recasting them in a new light.

Excerpt from a text by Marc Bembekoff

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Paroles de bronze*, Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, France

2025 *Bois révélés*, Domaine de Chaumont-sur-Loire, art and nature center, France

2024 *Heaven's Door*, Kamil Gallery / Birch Gallery, Monaco
Elle et le chemin, Abbaye de Fontevraud, France

2021 *Sculptures*, Galerie Marie-Ange Boucher, Brussels, Belgium

2019 *Histoires de sculptins*, French Consular Villa, Liège, Belgium

2018 Collégiale Saint-Pierre-la-Cour, Le Mans, France

2017 House of Music and Dance, Bagneux, France
Nicolas Alquin - Sculptures, dessins, Galerie Devillez, Brussels, Belgium

2016 *De toutes pièces*, Galerie Maeght, Paris, France
Nicolas Alquin, sculpture et xylotraces, Galerie Simonici, Luxembourg

2015 Galerie Koralewski, Art Paris Art Fair, Paris, France

2014 *Présences de vie sur Aquilon Silcan*, Guy Pieters Gallery, Knokke-le-Zoute, Belgium

2013 *Bois et dérivés*, Musée de l'Hospice Saint Roch, Issoudun, France
Musée de l'Arsenal and the Abbaye Saint-Jean-des-Vignes site, Soissons, France
Musée de Campredon, Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, France

2012 *De cire et de bois*, Galerie le Salon d'art, Brussels, Belgium

2008 *Portraits d'étoiles*, Galerie Guigon, Paris, France

2007 *Constellations*, Galleria Del Leone, Venice, Italy

2006 *Corps célestes*, Linéart, stand Paule de Boeck Fine Arts, Gand, Belgium

2005 *Bois flottés*, Musée d'Ixelles, Brussels, Belgium
Galerie Fred Lanzenberg, Brussels, Belgium
L'Atelier d'Alquin, Musée de la Fondation Coubertin, Saint-Rémy-lès-Chevreuse, France

2004 *Aperçus*, Galleria del Leone, Venice, Italy

2003 Galerie Michèle Broutta, Paris, France
Gros Plan sur Alquin, Fondation Prince Pierre de Monaco, Monaco

2000 Galerie Fred Lanzenberg, Brussels, Belgium

1999 FIAC, Galerie Fred Lanzenberg, Paris, France.
Chapelle les Pénitents, Clermont-l'Hérault and the Abbaye de Gellone site, Saint-Guilhem-le-désert, France

1998 Fondation Veranneman, Kruishoutem, Belgium

1996 Galerie Fred Lanzenberg, Brussels, Belgium
FIAC, Galerie Fred Lanzenberg, Paris, France

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1992 *Les Passantes*, Galerie du Jour-Agnès B, Paris, France

1991 FIAC, Galerie Erval, Paris, France
Les Stylites, Prieuré-Saint-Michel, Crouttes, France

1990 Musée d'Art Contemporain, Dunkirk, France
Centre Culturel Le Botanique, Brussels, Belgium
Galerie Bernard Cats, Brussels, Belgium

1988 Galerie Maeght, Paris, France

1987 Galerie Maeght, Barcelona, Spain

1986 *Des Éclipses*, Galerie Maeght, Paris, France
Galerie le Salon d'Art, Brussels, Belgium
Centre culturel français, Abidjan, Ivory Coast

1985 Théâtre municipal de Caen, France

1984 *Maisons en tête*, Galerie Erval, Paris, France

1982 *Sculptures et sculptins*, FIAC, Galerie Erval, Paris, France

1981 *De l'arbre à la maison*, Galerie Pierre Vanderborght, Brussels, Belgium

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 Fine Arts Paris, Galerie La Forest Divonne, Grand Palais, Paris, France

2024 13th Art and Spirituality Festival, Troyes Cathedral, France

2021 *CoBrA and friends* : Nicolas Alquin, Reinhoud, Asger Jorn, Carl-Henning Pedersen, Jan Voss, Walasse Ting & more, Galerie Birch, Copenhagen, Denmark

2020 Fond International d'Art Contemporain du Mans, Le Mans, France
Art Herning, Galerie Birch, Denmark

2019 Sculpt' en Sologne, guest of honor, France
Art Elysées, Galerie Birch, Paris

2018 Brafa Art Fair Brussels, Galerie Maeght, Belgium

2016 *Alquin, Amorim, de Torhout*, Fondation Taylor, Paris, France

2015 *Bronzes*, Galerie Maeght, Paris, France
Art Elysées, Galerie Koralewski, Paris, France

2014 Flag France Rennaissance, Shangaï, China

2013 Flag France Renaissance, La Celle-Saint-Cloud Castle, France
Trois sculptures monumentales, Guy Pieters Gallery, Knokke-le-Zoute, Knokke Zeedijk and Sint-Martens-Latem, Belgium

2012 *Dessins*, Galerie Guigon, Paris, France

2011 *Corps et âmes*, Galerie Koralewski, Paris, France
Festival APART, Les-Baux-de-Provence, France
Blickachsen exhibition, Bad Homburg, Germany

2010 Traces Biennial, Fort de Condé, Val-de-l'Aisne, France
Œuvres sur papier, Galerie Guigon, Paris France

2009 Yerres Sculpture Biennial, France

2007 Yerres Sculpture Biennial, France
Exposition Icare, Musée d'Art Wallon, Liège, Belgium

2006 International Sculpture Triennale Poznan, Poznan, Poland
Galerie Michèle Broutta, Art Paris, Paris, France

2005 Enku Awards Exhibition, Gifu Museum, Japan

2004 *Moi ! Autoportrait du XXe siècle*, Musée du Luxembourg, Paris, France
Moi ! Autoritratti del secolo XX, Galleria degli Uffizi, Firenze, Italy

2002 *Een jonge garde*, Museum Beelden aan Zee, Netherlands

2001 *Mouvement 134*, Plaza Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2000 Fondation Veranneman, Kruishoutem, Belgium
Heverlee Abbey, Leuven, Belgium

1998 Fondation Veranneman, TEFAF, Maastricht, Netherlands

1996 Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Phoenix, United States

1995 Malborough Gallery, New York, United States

1993 *Du Désir de spiritualité dans l'art contemporain*, Centre culturel de Boulogne- Billancourt, France

1992 Galerie du Jour-Agnès B., Espace des Arts, Chalon-sur-Saône, France

1991 Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Phoenix, United States
Musée de Campredon, l'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, France

1989 International Sculpture Exhibition, Sommacampagna, Italy
La Passion de Dunkerque, traveling exhibition through 1991 : Paris, Dunkirk, Taiwan, Warsaw

1987 *Carte blanche à dix jeunes artistes*, Centre Pompidou, Musée National d'Art Moderne, Paris, France

1986 *À Propos de dessin*, Galerie Maeght, Paris, France

1984 Association Française d'Action Artistique, Dakar, Senegal
Association Française d'Action Artistique, Abidjan, Ivory Coast

PUBLIC ACQUISITIONS

Liturgical furnishings for the Church of Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Sceaux, France, 2022

Liturgical furnishings for the Chapel of the Institut Catholique de Lille, 2020

Que la paix soit avec toi, Notre-Dame-de-La-Treille Cathedral, Lille, France, 2018

War Memorial, Brunoy, France, 2018

Calvaire des marins de Dunkerque, rue militaire, Dunkirk, France, 2017

Haris, le gardien du Nord, Musée de Soissons, France, 2013

Saint Joseph, Paroisse Saint-Joseph de Montrouge, France, 2012

Altar, ambo and tabernacle for the chapel of the Maison des Serviteurs de la Parole, Charenton, France, 2010

Persée et Andromède, CEC de Yerres, France, 2009

Via Orange, sculpture for the Orange-France Telecom group, Arcueil site, France, 2008

Parole d'abîme, Maison de la conférence des Evêques de France, Paris, France, 2008

Solitude, monument aux esclaves résistants, Bagneux, France, 2007

Saint Joseph, Kliniek Sint Jozef, Pittem, Belgium, 2004

Croix d'Éspérance, Notre-Dame-d'Espérance Church, Paris, France

Face au zénith, Hôtel des Douanes, Annecy, France, 2002

Passage du feu, Museum Beelden aan Zee, Scheveningen, Netherlands, 2002

Altar and cross for the Church of Varennes-Jarcy, France, 2002

Cœur d'argile, Clermont-l'Hérault, France, 2001

Parole portée à la mémoire des victimes du terrorisme, fontaine, Hôtel des Invalides, Paris, France

Judith, place Albert I, Brussels, Belgium, 1998

Fontaine Saint-Benoît, Syndicat des eaux d'Île-de-France, Paris, France, 1998

Judith, Museum Beelden aan Zee, Scheveningen, Netherlands, 1996

Le Nouveau-né, Fondation Veranneman, Kruishoutem, Belgium, 1993

Gaspard, Musée d'Art Contemporain, Dunkirk, France, 1991

Jour de désert, Musée d'Art Sacré, Lille, France, 1989

Le Composteur d'étoiles, Church of Saint-Jacques-du-Haut-Pas, Paris, France, 1987

Dormeur, Fonds National d'Art Contemporain, France, 1982

INTERNATIONAL PRIZES

2014 Léon-Georges Baudry Grand Prix from the Fondation Taylor, Paris, France

2007 Prize from the Charles and Christiane Oulmont Foundation, Paris, France

2004 Enku Award, Gifu, Japon

2002 Prize of the Poznan International Sculpture Biennial, Poland

2001 Prince Pierre of Monaco Grand Prix, Monaco

1997 Sculpture Prize of the Académie des Beaux-Arts, Simone et Cino del Duca Foundation, Paris, France

1988 Leonardo da Vinci Prize, Abidjan, Ivory Coast

1987 Villa Medici Prize, Hors les murs, Verona, Italy

PUBLICATIONS

2022 *Noknok*, Saint-Clément-de-Rivière, Fata Morgana editions

2010 *Plein fer*, Saint-Clément-de-Rivière, Fata Morgana editions

2003 *Bois et dérivé*, Michèle Broutta editions

1998 *Rideau*, L'Échoppe editions

1994 *Le Rêve de SERI*., L'Échoppe editions

1991 *Les Stylites*, Prieuré Saint-Michel de Crouttes, text by Dora Vallier, Connivences editions

1988 *Nicolas Alquin*, texts by Fernando Arrabal and Alain Veintein, Galerie Adrien Maeght editions

1986 *Des éclipses*, text by Jérôme de Lalande, Galerie Adrien Maeght editions, Paris

1985 Exhibition catalogue for the Théâtre municipal de Caen, texts by Kenneth White and Philippe Briet

1984 *Maisons en tête*, Galerie Erval editions

DOCUMENTARIES

2018 *Calvaire des marins de Dunkerque*, by the Audacioza agency in partnership with the Marinecom agency, 6'
https://youtu.be/Mdmi0T_LFeg

2007 *Solitude, monument aux esclaves résistants*, by Axel Guyot, Avalon Films Production, 13'
https://youtu.be/5z8K1EjaHRQ

2005 *Cannelle Spirit,* by the Provincial Government of Gifu, Japon, 14'
https://youtu.be/b6MFgqGMEIE

1997 *Parole portée à la mémoire des victimes du terrorisme*, by Axel Guyot, Avalon Films Production, 20'
https://youtu.be/qqr4WXJm9SM

1989 *Goliath,* by Ioan Babeanu, Duran Production, 12'
https://vimeo.com/981203375?fl=pl&fe=sh