



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
- 1993 Galerie Fred Lanzenberg, Brussels, Belgium
- 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 Renaissance, Shangai, 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'Espérance, 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 Veintin, 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/MdmiOT_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>

