

## ALIGNA

*Artist*

*Born February 26 , 1957 in Ban Kang , LAOS  
Self taught sculptor , painter and musician .*

Aligna arrived in France at the age of 17 , having attended the French Lycee of Vientiane .

In 1979 , he obtained his technical draftsman degree , then started working in a large architect's office in Paris .

One day , two friends asked him to join them playing in the Metro of Paris after work , so he did ; and discovered that he made far more money busking than working in the office !

He quit and moved to the country to develop his music with his friends .

Together with his family he bought a big farmhouse to renovate in a small village called CHARS in the Val d'Oise near Paris .

Looking for pieces for his house in the local scrap yard , the discarded elements of our consumer society caught his artistic eye .

He asked a welder friend to show him how to weld and he thus began the magical transformation of junk into beauty that is his art .

Meanwhile , his musicians friends were on the move and off abroad , so Aligna stayed in Chars to devote his time to his art .

However , as one cannot live on passion alone , he was obliged to earn his living in other creative ways too , and did so very successfully as a chef , then as a decorator and set designer for cinema and the circus .

He has collaborated with other remarkable artists , notably with the sculptor Daniel Pestel , with the great master of color Yves Charnay , as well as with the brilliant " Electromécanomaniaque " Gilbert Peyre !

Following a big commission from stylist Montana for an event " Le Noel des Créateurs " in 2003, Aligna began working on a series of flowers made of old oil barrels and nails .

These blooms continue to occur wherever he goes , in the Hudson Valley New York , to Venice Italy and on to Patagonia !

### ONE MAN SHOWS :

2007 : Sculptures shown at YAO SOUKA - Paris France

2006 : Installation "Flowers" at Museo Del Parco - Portofino Italy

2005 : Sculptures shown in store "Au Tour Du Feu " Paris 18 è France

1990 : Paintings shown at Chinese Cultural Center , Paris 13 è France

1989 : Paintings shown at Val Ray and Arte Moderno gallery , Mexico

### GROUP SHOWS :

2006 : Sculptures shown at the international sculptures exhibition "OPEN 2006" Lido Venice Italy

Sculptures shown at the " Olana Summer Agglow " Catskill New York

2005 : " 60 ans - 60 urnes " Nuit Blanche Town Hall Paris 9è France

" 60 ans - 60 urnes " Town Hall , Gennevilliers , France

2003 : 2è Rencontre du Pré de l'Âne , Cucugnan , Hautes Corbières , France

2002 : Rencontre du Pré de l'Âne , Soulatgé , Hautes Corbières , France

2000 : Sculpture symposium "Le Vent des Forêts" Meuse France

Aligna lives and works in Chars , Val d'Oise France

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