

SYLVAIN CORENTIN

Born 1962

Born in 1962, Sylvain Corentin is an ex-architect living in the South of France. Corentin takes inspiration from fantastical worlds, constructing imaginary structures and dwellings in his mind's eye that he then builds in reality. With these, his "anarchitectures", he evokes the habitats of an imagined early time combining them with constructions of a dreamed future in an often better world.

In creating these places, Sylvain seeks to inhabit worlds filled with unseen yet mapped territories, places with yet unrecorded histories bearing the wounds and rewards of the trials and tribulations of their human histories, scarred yet surviving still carving markers of time and experience into our weary planet. His sculptures build a bridge between the image of an imagined utopian past and the reality of our future documenting the ironies and impossibilities of finding a place where visionary thinking can possibly coexist with the reality of survival. There is an optimism built into the pieces that is infectious...perhaps because the kind of optimism they reflect is one of childhood before full comprehension of a complicated world. He doesn't make the dwellings safe, they are filled with edges and mazes and cryptic writing and blind passageways...but they are kept from being naïve by their complexity and their uniqueness.

Watching Sylvain work on a piece one realizes how jazzlike and musical the process is. He moves fast in a kind of whirlwind improvisation that take his sculptures past anything pre-planned...They build like Coltrane solos, moody, not always smooth, sometimes screechingly sublime. If there is a such thing as action painting, then these are action sculptures conceived in music and born in speedy improvisation. They are delicate in their combined strengths.

Exhibitions:

2023: *Les maisons de la mémoire*, Galerie du Chai du Terral, Saint-Jean-de-Védas, France

2022: *Contact*, Pop Galerie, Sète, France

Warm Up, Galerie Matthys, Brussels, Belgium

ST-ART, Galerie Pol Lemétais, Strasbourg, Germany

Chemin buissonnier, Musée des Arts Buissonniers, Saint-Sever-du-Moustier, France

Escape, Galerie Matthys, Brussels, Belgium

2021: *Art Montpellier*, Galerie Pol Lemétais et Musée d'Art brut de Montpellier, Montpellier, France

Ar(t)deur et PréJUGES, Espace Lally, Béziers, France

Croquemitaine & Visions d'artistes, Galerie 29, Évian, France

Habiter le monde, Galerie 29, Évian, France

2020: *Art Montpellier*, Galerie Pol Lemétais et Musée d'Art brut de Montpellier, Montpellier, France
Flâneries d'Aix-en-Provence, Aix-en-Provence, France
Galerie Béatrice Soulié, Marseille, France

2019: *ST-ART*, Galerie Pol Lemétais, Strasbourg, Germany
Art Montpellier, Galerie Art Compulsion et Musée d'Art brut et singulier de Montpellier, Montpellier, France
Natures intérieures, Carquefou, France
Étrange 2019, Strasbourg, Germany

2018: *ST-ART*, Galerie Pol Lemétais, Strasbourg, Germany
Art Montpellier, Galerie Art Compulsion, Montpellier, France
Chemin de Traverses, avec le musée des Arts buissonniers, Évreux, France
Art brut, arts singuliers, arts buissonniers, avec le musée des Arts buissonniers, Martigues, France
Traffickanti du libertà, Mostra d'art contemporane, Verona, Italy
Les anarchitectures!, Rouillac, France
Outsider Art Fair, represented by Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY

2017: *Art Montpellier*, Galerie Art Compulsion et Musée d'Art brut de Montpellier, Montpellier, France
Architectures de l'imaginaire, Rectorat, Montpellier, France
Woven World: Selections from Cavin-Morris Gallery, Schick Art Gallery, Saratoga Springs, NY
Outsider Art Fair, represented by Valerie Béatrice Soulié, Paris, France
Euritmie: talenti speciali accendo alle arti, IX Biennale di Soncino, Soncino, Italy
On dirait le sud, Galerie Béatrice Soulié, Paris, France
Polygone, Art Compulsion, Montpellier, France
Architectures de l'imaginaire, Musée Chintreuil, Pont-de-Vaux, France
Lausanne Art Fair, Valerie Jean Greset, Lausanne, Switzerland
Trésors cachés!, Galerie Béatrice Soulié, Paris, France
Vicenza Art Fair, Isolo 17 Gallery, Vicenza, Italy
Axis Mundi, Passage des antiquaires, Versailles, France
Resist!, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
Outsider Art Fair, represented by Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY

2016: *Maverick*, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
Outsider Art Fair, represented by Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY

2015: *Outsider Art Fair*, represented by Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
In Dreams Begin Responsibilities: 30 Years at Cavin-Morris, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
The NYC Metro Show, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY

- 2014: Outsider Art Fair, Cavin-Morris Gallery, Paris, France
On the wings of an angel, Priory Manthes, Manthes, France
Off the beaten Arts, Museum of Arts buissonniers, Saint-Sever-du-Moustier, France
Singular worlds, space Eqart, Marciac, France
Temple Gallery, Lourmarin, France
Freshet: Old Loves, New Directions, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
The NYC Metro Show, Cavin Morris Gallery, New York, NY
- 2013: Outsider Art Fair, Cavin Morris Gallery, Paris, France
Restless II: a Mix, Cavin Morris Gallery, New York, NY
Festival d'Art singulier, Montpellier, France
Farfetched: Mad Science, Fringe Visionary Architecture and Engineering, Gregg Museum of Art and Design, Raleigh, NC
Galerie Le Coeur au ventre, Lyon, France
Outsider Art Fair, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
The NYC Metro Show, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
- 2012: 4th Art Biennial, Rives, France
Restless, Cavin Morris Gallery, New York, NY
20th Exposition d'Art singulier, Nice / Falicon, France
Outsiders, Mauriac, France
Biz'art Biz'art, Le Vaudioux, France
The NYC Metro Show, New York, NY
Cavin Morris Gallery, New York, NY
- 2011: Anne Cros Gallery, Pézenas, France
Environment House, Prades-le-Lez, France
18th Exposition d'Art singulier, White Gallery, Falicon, France
Auberge du Cedre, Lauret, France
- 2010: Gallery "Art Maniac", Montpellier
11th Exposition d'Art singulier, Aubagne
"From Frida Kahlo to Vincent Van Gogh", Roquevaire, France
- 2009: "Couleur Café", Prades-le-Lez, France
- 2008: Galerie Le Réalgar, Saint Etienne, France
- 2007: Galerie *A Contrario*, Limoges, France
House of Agglomeration, Prades-le-Lez, France
Gallery "The Pépette", Castries, France
- 2004: Library of C.D.D.P, Montpellier, France

- 2003: I.U.F.M., Montpellier, France
- 2002: *Artenîmes*, Nîmes, France
- 1999: *Sahel-Garrigues* Agropolis Museum, Montpellier, France
June Arts, Aniane, France
Art and Expression Chai du Terral, Saint-Jean-de-Vedas, France
- 1997: Parc des Expositions, Montpellier, France

Gallery Elyette Peyre, Paris, France
- 1996: The Patio Restaurant, Mauguio, France
- 1995: Agropolis Museum, Montpellier, France
- 1994: Gallery Séranne, Gignac
Kulturflirt III (exhibition and performance), Arhus, Denmark
- 1993: Prefecture (exchange with Scotland), Montpellier, France
Cultural center in Sant Josep, Barcelona, Spain
Castle Restinclières, Prades-le-Lez, France
Academy Castle Neuhardenberg, Berlin, Germany
- 1992: Salon de Mai Grand Palais, Paris France
Media de la Madeleine, Chartres, France
Hérault space, Paris, France
- 1991: Hôtel Drouot, Paris, France
Salon de Mai - Grand Palais, Paris, France
- 1990: "Confluences" cultural center, Paris, France
Hôtel de Ville, Chartres, France
- 1987: Chapel of the Penitents, Aniane, France