

## Julienne International Sculpture Symposium

The village of Julienne, with its 500 inhabitants, is situated in the heart of Cognac country, in the Charente département around 120kms north of the Bordeaux vineyards. Back in 2002, the Mayor of the village and a sculptor friend, had the idea of introducing the villagers to the art of sculpture and created the first of many Sculpture symposiums. Starting with local artists, it soon took on an international dimension, now taking place every 2 years, inviting artists from all over the world.

The idea was to invite sculptors to create a monumental work of art from stone on a given theme (examples of past themes: Fire, Water, Maternity, Duality, Freedom, The Symbolic of 10, Harmony...). The association provides the necessary material and technical support to the sculptors enabling them to work in a space which is open to the public. The event takes place over approx. 2 weeks, with the artists working in the village square. It attracts crowds of enthusiasts, young and old, keen to discover the art of sculpture and gives the sculptors the opportunity to share their passion.

The resulting sculptures now make up the intriguing and enchanting « Sculpture Trail » dotted around our countryside, on roundabouts, or marking the entrance of villages. For those who are interested in discovering more about sculpture and our beautiful region, please go to the "Chemin de sculpture" page of our website where a link to a map (<http://goo.gl/maps/392mG>) will help locate all 71 artworks created since 2002 over the 11 past editions of Julienne Sculpture Symposium. Enjoy your visit!

For the 11th International Symposium of Stone Sculpture of Julienne, in September 2019, six sculptors of various countries (Turkey, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Iran, France and Spain) were invited to work regional limestone (Pierre de Tervoux) on "Harmony" as common theme. Some of their artworks can still be seen in Julienne. You are welcome to pay a visit to this outdoor museum with free access. Come and enjoy!

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Julienne's forthcoming biennial is scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Six new monumental artworks will be created from blocks of Pierre de Tervoux limestone on "**Metamorphosis**" as common theme. The call for applications is now open with March 15<sup>th</sup> as deadline for proposals (See link for Rules & Conditions document on [www.sculpture.fr](http://www.sculpture.fr) home page). *"... The value of the artist's imagination as a metamorphic power, this is the challenge of the 2021 symposium!"*

While the association is supported through donations from local communities, grants from public institutions, it is always in need of help from partners and sponsors. Please do not hesitate to enquire for more details on sponsorship and its attractive conditions for companies as well as for private donators.

For any further information, please write to the association through our website contact mailbox. Thanks and regards.

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