

Biennale internationale design

Saint-Étienne

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French and Swiss nationality
Born in Morez (Jura) France 1950

Higher studies carried out in France.
Baccalauréat (A -level diploma) with honours 1970
Dance-theatre studies and research with the Jerzy Grotowski Teatr Laboratorium, various theatre groups and modern dance.
Theatre of Dance Foundation in Brussels 1979-83

Geneva University Architecture School 1983-88
EAUG Diploma in Switzerland. DPLG and CEE in France
Opened the "Michel Philippon & Collaborateurs" workshop in Geneva 1991
mproduction since 199x

Architecture

Transformations

Former library in La Madeleine transformed into " maison des enfants "
Malika Régamey associated architect 1992-96
Enlargement and transformation of the Jonction crèche 1994
Commissioned by the city of Geneva, in collaboration with the architect Thomas Fague.
Carried out transformation of three apartments in old Geneva 1997-00
Carried out renovation of facade in old Geneva, collaboration with architect Th. Fague.
Carried out transformation of a barn, Crempigny (74, France)
Carried out transformation of a farm and a barn at Crempigny (74, France) 2001
Private commissions in collaboration with the architect V Danesin.

New buildings

Construction of a family house at Crempigny (74, France) with consultant architect JC Bertrand 1993-95
Article published in the "Habitation" Magazine, August 96
Carried out construction of a family house, with wooden frame, at St Julien en Genevois in Upper Savoy (74 France) for M Portier, economist 2000-01
Carpenter's workshop built using glued laminated beams, at Chaumont, Upper Savoy (74, France) 2001

Various transformation and new building projects currently in progress in Upper Savoy

Private commissions in collaboration with the architect V Danesin.
Glass canopy for an activity and workshop Park, approximately 2000 square metres area, for the pixiparc budget at Isle d'Abeau.

Building permit application in progress for the pixiparc project (please see page 8)
in collaboration with the architect V Danesin. 2000

Construction of a family house at Mies (Vaud Canton, Switzerland) - wooden framework
2003

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Transformation and extension of two apartments classified as historical buildings, Geneva
2003-04

Family house - renovation and transformation of April building in Valromey (01)
2005

Transformation of a rural house in Upper Savoy (O. Archambault project) 2007-08

Transformation of a triplex in Geneva at 2007

Transformation and extension of a house in Upper Loire (42, France) for Ch. Bernard
Manager of Mamaco in Geneva. In progress 2007-08

Development and transformation of two large-area attics in apartments in Geneva 2008

Developing countries

Refurbishing Appraisals and projects for around 30 creches in Tirana in Albania, project
under the guidance of the Geneva Bon Secours Nurses School. 1995-97

Garden and space rehabilitation project in Tirana 1997, in partnership with UNICEF Albania

Participation in a school reconstruction programme by the Soros foundation for the 2 000
Tirana project, 1997

Public space

Urban development

Urban development projects over approximately 60 squares, parks, crossroads, streets and
neighbourhoods in Geneva, 19 94-96

in the historical centre and on the periphery. Collaborators:

Completed projects: JM Onesta

Place des Volontaires M Giromini

Street in the R. Ehrat quay area

Berger M Walter Square

Rhone O Béchade Quayside ramps

Rue de Rive and la Croix d'Or (carried out by Brodbeck & Rouillet, architects.)

Commissions from the City of Geneva Urban Development Department

Topos Agency 1993-97

Interdisciplinary association for development of public spaces, in association with Franco
Tufo (Citec), Engineer.

Transport,

In association with Philippe, architect

Landscaper (on-site – Montreux)

Pre-development survey carried out in the Saconnex d'Arve community, linked to the Plan
les Ouates freeway bypass.

Commission from the Plan les Ouates commune and the Geneva Canton Public Works
Department for global development, Jouxten Mézery commune.

Prix 99 for best urban development, Vaud Canton

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Improvement of public spaces, St Jean neighbourhood in Geneva around the Micheli-Ducret school.

Development of Old Geneva periphery

City of Geneva commissions

Plan de quartier du port du Basset à Clarens –Vaud

In collaboration with JM Onesta, town planner

Stage designing and games

Exhibitions /game: " l'habitat " 1993

A commission from " La maison des enfants " and the City of Geneva Delegation for Early Childhood

Three books for children on the theme of the Habitat, 1993 book commission " La joie de lire", unpublished

Outdoor Games for Children 1994

City of Geneva, creche design commission

Exhibition / game " la vie de famille ou l'appartement et son double " 1994

International Symposium commission for the Family, Geneva

Decorative Arts School Reception 1995

Exhibition /game " le tour du monde " 1996

Geneva neighbourhood centres, commission

Exhibition / game "Immobilier" 1996, Geneva and Grenoble, in collaboration with the architect Thomas Fague

In partnership with Mamco (Modern and Contemporary Art Museum) and the Magasin (Grenoble National Centre of Contemporary Art).

"Seyssel et son double" Exhibition, JM Onesta 1997

With the help of the DRAC, Rhone-Alpes. This project was not carried out. In collaboration with R Kerdreux.

Exhibition /game "Rêve de sphères", 1998 for Salines d'Arc and Senans, N Ledoux Institute. This commission was not carried out.

Installation: "une maison à Crempigny" In collaboration with the photographer Cyrille Girardet 1995

Exhibition of maquettes of 12 projects, some of which were not carried out, 1997

Exhibition "fil de fer"

installation, in collaboration with the photographer Cyrille Girardet 1999

mpp workshop / Gallery

Space concept for children, on the "Five Senses 2000" theme, Lyon Natural History Museum

" Les ballons " stage design, 2001

Itinerant show and plastic arts landscape installation, in progress

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Various surveys and consultative studies for public spaces, games and stage designing, 1998, in Geneva, Grenoble, Lyon, Annecy and Lausanne
Including participation in the City of the Invisible feasibility study
In Pays de Gex with the Partenaires Développement Agency 2001

Urban tracing mission

Visit and "portrait" of the city of Rouen in company with the Urbanism Deputy Mayor Edgar Menguy at the invitation of *Lieux Publics - Centre National des arts de la rue* in Marseille 2003

"La rue Pliante" (work in progress)

Folding street - portrait of a city in a large drawing portfolio, with double walls and folding parts.

Commissioned by the Public Centre National des Arts de la Rue [*Public Street Arts National Centre*] in Marseille in partnership with the city of Rouen 2004-05

Ipop Movie

Video Dance, duration 12 mn, created in Geneva with the musician and composer Alexandre Castaing and an amateur actors and dancers group. Day-long improvisation. Do Marcombe. Editing: Florence Barnett and Benoit Philippon. Directed by Eric Castaing and Arnaud Vernet, dancer and actor. 2003

Pip'show (mpp workshop project)

Installation of a metal framework cube and coloured panels approximately 3 m in height, bringing together 12 maquettes, in the form of a spatial game. 2004

Rhone movie – this project was not carried out.

Dance Video along the Rhone River, in the company of a team of dancers and musicians
At a dozen stopoff and meeting points.

"Livre Cube"

Exhibition-game for children – Maison des enfants, La Madeleine, Geneva
Inaugurated Autumn 2007

Active exhibition for the next Saint Étienne International Design Biennial

L'appartement Géant – a project over a 1000 square metres area - commissioned by the Cité du Design.

Plastic arts, design, digital arts, living arts intervention, November/December 2008

Sculpture installation "Le Grand Immeuble". In progress mpp 2007-08

Expertise in Palazzolo (Syracuse) for a cultural centre in a tourist and culture building complex. 2007-08

Training and research

Workshops - teaching activities

Urban workshop with children from four crèches in Geneva

A commission by the Early Childhood Continuous Training program, 1993-94

Lecturer at the Annecy Art School (74, France) 1997-98

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Member of the jury and expert in various disciplines at the EPFL in Lausanne, Toulon Art School, Ecole des Educateurs de la Petite Enfance de Genève [*Teachers Training School in Geneva*], etc..

Member of the UIA Committee for the " **Architecture et Enfance** " Program (Built Environment Education) from 1999 to 2002, Presented in Berlin in July 2002. 2002

Lecturer in spatial design and interactive design
Design option coordinator
Saint Etienne Higher School for Art and Design since October 2006

Games

1997 – 2004

Pixiparc is a spatial and awareness game project developed by mpp over 12 ha, both indoors and outdoors, in France, at the Isle d'Abeau near Lyon. It is carried out in partnership with territorial collectivities, the Lyon Chamber of Commerce, the Ministry of Culture with the Rhone-Alpes DRAC, and the *Cité des Sciences* councils at Paris La Villette, as well as with private partners.

Survey carried out at Isle d'Abeau with the support of the Caisse des dépôts et Consignation in the form of a mixed economy public and private commercial company. This project was suspended.

From 2004 on

In partnership with Anne Marie Baschwitz, formerly in charge of exportation development for the Cité des Sciences of Paris La Villette:

Development of Pixiparc and evolving and adaptable concepts for large European commercial groups, in order to create leisure spaces in urban neighbourhoods:

Les Collines© Espace for active, life-size miniature and virtual games

L'arbre Bouteille© Structure for games and interpretation, nature and matter

La Tour de l'eau© Structure for interpretive water games, water applications, water history and imaginary stories.

Les Etoiles© Animation for a large public space with innovative devices.

Big Bornes© information and burlesque games network.

I- Magine© videogame and dance, life-size, interior.

Tube© Jeu animation in a garden, based on virtual images and play itineraries, wide public.

L'Echiquier Arroseur© Plateau burlesque games and water sprays, for summer gardens.

Les Mains© Structure reception structures for children in holiday centres.

Tube Transparent© mystery and atmospheric itinerary in a leisure park or public space

Tube Color © games area made of coloured tubes

Various expertises for leisure parks and scientific exploration.

Exhibition on post-war tourism (1918-1920)

With the geographer Martine Becker, Exhibition Commissar at the Musée de la caverne du Dragon [*Dragon's Cavern Museum*] -November 2004 (with Harmatan, stage design agency – Paris)

Transformation of La Maison Romane at Rosheim in Alsace into a mediaeval Museum, (in partnership with Harmatan, stage designing agency – Paris) 2005

Commission for two innovative play areas for the Pierre & Vacances group. April 2005

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Animal Fantasia 2006 - 2007

Large-scale leisure equipment for children, for the scientific discovery park at Riccione in Italy. This project was not carried out

Children's play area for Emirates Airlines waiting room 2007