

## ALIGNA's FLOWERS

discover this emerging
Chinese artist and his
new approach to botanical art
or
how to recycle society's
leftovers into objects of wonder



Sardine flower, 2007, various metals, 30 x 30 x 15

Aligna's flowers are made of metal parts that the artist has carefully selected and stashed away, awaiting sometimes years before being re-employed. Under his skillful fingers, these pieces of tin are transformed in blossoming flowers.

With powerful scissors and pliers, he cuts into the material and eventually welds them together in new species of flowers the world has never seen before. Recently, Aligna has developed the same concept with plastic bottles and created harmonious flowers installations from mineral water and milk bottles. He proves in a metaphorical way that the used and old can be turned into object of wonder and beauty.

Aligna is a multitalented artist: he is a sculptor, a painter, a photographer, a performer, a stage designer and a musician.

Born in China in 1957, he spent most of his childhood in Laos, where he was trained in French and English. At the age of 17, he moved to France where he currently lives.



Aligna in his outdoor studio in the French countryside

Original works can be acquired either individually (sculptures start at  $\pounds$ . 50), in bouquet that you can make up yourself, and sculptures.

Works can be displayed indoors or outdoors.

Aligna also performs installations of tens and even hundreds of flowers. They blend in beautifully with real flowers too! Also available photographs in limited, signed editions.



Bouquet, 2007, various metals, 70 x 30 x 30