



Tassou, Cybertrash sculptor

The works of this contemporary sculptor consist of accumulations and assemblies of high-tech components borrowed from the innards of electrical and electronic machines. A fascinating collection of "tomorrow's antiques"...

Tassou sees his unique sculptures, murals and totems as a way of safeguarding the memory of a technology which has, in fact, been doomed to obsolescence ever since it came into being. Micro-processors, condensers, circuits, systems boards, hard disks, rotors, cathode tubes, transistors, CD-Roms, speakers, cell phones, LCDs... All the components of our



high-tech era, often with a soul and beauty of their own, culled from computers and other electric and electronic machines, and transformed into artworks that are intricate, powerful, provoking and even humorous.

Born in Nantes, Tassou moved to Paris in 1991, already creating accumulations and "deviant art", or objects diverted from their original function and given a new, artistic lease of life. The Cybertrash concept appeared in 1996, and Tassou exhibited his unique artworks first at the Galerie Amoux in Paris, then at the Pompidou Centre and Palais des Congrès at Porte Maillot. At the invitation of the Sophia Antipolis Foundation, he arrived in the year 2000 on the Côte d'Azur, where he has since held several exhibitions in Nice, Cannes, Valbonne and Mougins.

In 2003, Tassou moved to Grasse where he opened his studio-gallery in the historic

centre of the town. Holding Friday evening get-togethers at the gallery, participating in numerous artistic and cultural events in the region, Tassou pursues his quest of endowing the industrial materials of the 20th and 21st centuries with new forms, new identities, new colours. A highly original way of reconciling today's sacrosanct pursuit of technical innovation with artistic invention.

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