



## Daniel POMMEREULLE

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### PRESENTATION

Daniel Pommereulle passed away in December 2003, leaving a very diverse and complexe but also peculiar and premonitory work. According to Alain Jouffroy's phrase, he was associated to the "Objectors" (les "Objecteurs"). Despite some important exhibitions (*Fin de siècle* presented in 1975 at National Center for Contemporary Art - Georges Pompidou, or the retrospective exhibitions at the Dole and Belfort museums in 1991) and a growing aura, this work, certainly one of the most importants of the second half of the 20th century in France, remains unknown and secret.

From the 1980's to the 1990's he concentrates on the transparency theme with layouts of glass, paper and steel.

As an actor, he started with Eric Rohmer's *La Collectionneuse* in 1967 and played in a dozen of movies, among which François Truffau's *La mariée était en noir* (The Bride Wore Black), Jean-Luc Godard's *Week-End* and *Les Idoles* by Marc'O are noteworthy. In 1972, he takes part in *La Cicatrice Intérieure* (The Inner Scar) by Philippe Garrel whom he'll join again 27 years later for *Le Vent de la nuit* (Night Wind).

As a film director *One More Time* (1967) and *Vite (Fast)*, 1969) are the most noticeable movies for which he successively created a suicide machine and shot sequences through a telephoto lens or a telescope, leading to an apology of the desert and the planet Saturn.

### BIO / BIBLIO

#### Biographical and solo shows

##### 1937

Born in Sceaux-Robinson (France).

##### 1950

Leaves school and registers at the academy Julian in Paris to prepare the examination of Fine Arts school. Frequent Saint-Germain-des-Prés, museums, reads a lot, is interested in O. Redon and G. Moreau's works.

##### 1957

Is sent to Algeria.

##### 1959

Paints the series *Nuages* and *Crepuscules* (lost).

At the Flore, meets M. Ernst, R. Matta, A. Jouffroy, Erro who takes him to Italy, where he meets F. Hundertwasser, E. Dietman, J-J. Lebel and sees the notebooks of Leonard de Vinci.

##### 1960

Paints the series *Spirales*, exposed at the "Anti-Procès III", organized at the Galleria Brera in Milan by A. Jouffroy and J-J Lebel.

Stays in Venice.

##### 1961

"Anti-procès III".

Experiments the psilocybine with a psychiatrist of Sainte Anne Hospital in Paris.

##### 1962

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First solo show, Galleria Antichita in Ravenna (Italy), inks executed in Venice.  
Begins a new series of paintings with objects on white background. Creates paintings with laden or exploded firecrackers.

**1963**  
Exhibition at the Galerie Cordier, Paris. First exhibition of Daniel Pommereulle in France.  
Participates in happenings (Allan Kaprow, J.-J. Lebel), realizes two : *L'En-Dehors* (Galerie R. Cordier, Paris), *Kiss me* (at the Workshop of the free expression of J.-J. Lebel and C. Schneemann, and the Collage Happening organized by Michael White at Denison Hall, London.)  
Begins his first assemblages of objects (series of *Objets oubliés*).

**1965**  
*Les Objecteurs*, Galerie Jacqueline Ranson, Paris.

**1966**  
Exposes a blossom peach tree in Salon of May.  
*Les Objets de tentation*, at the Galerie Mathias Fels, Paris.

**1967**  
5<sup>th</sup> Biennial of Paris : with Alain Jouffroy, Erro, Stämpfli, shows *La peinture au complet*, selection of films by Capra, Ford, Minnelli, Rossellini, Ray, Sirk, Lang, Macken-dricks, Fredda, Bara, Renoir, Godard, Fuller, Brooks, Eisenstein, Bresson...  
Drew up plans for *Urgences*, torture devices.

**1968**  
Salon of May, la Havane.

**1969**  
Left for the Sahara to shoot his film *Vite*.  
With the aid of a telescope fitted to a Questar 35mm, he shoot the planet Saturne with its rings.

**1970**  
Two-month stay in Asia.

**1973 - 1974**  
Silkscreens: *Foudre, Saturne*.  
Began working on the series *Objets de Prémonition*, began plans for three monumental sculptures that will be presented in 1975.

**1975**  
*Fin de siècle*, Centre National d'Art et de la culture Georges Pompidou, Paris.  
*Huitièmement, qu'est-ce que la cruauté ? Objets de prémonition*, Galerie Beaubourg, Paris.

**1976**  
*Plus un éclair vers l'est*, Galerie Jean Larcade, Paris.  
Realised a pastel *La Brûlure du Ciel*, marks a return to the flat surface that will continue through different series.

**1977**  
Galerie Bob Valois, Paris.  
*La brûlure du ciel*, Galerie Claude Givandan, Genève, Suisse.

**1978**  
*La brûlure du Ciel*, Galerie Claude Givaudan, Genève.

**1979 - 1980**  
In Camargue, he made a series of watercolors *Les Objets du Couchant*.

**1980**  
*Les objets du couchant*, Galerie Trigano, Paris.



**1981**

*Au voleur !* book-object with 11 lithographs, Franck Bordas editions, Galerie Franck Bordas, Paris.  
*La fatigue du ciel*, Galerie Le Dessin, Paris.

**1982**

Besides working in the South East Asia (Korea, Japan), where he will carry monumental sculptures using glass in particular, worked in thick rebate or cut blocks.  
*Ici même l'on respire*, Galerie de Séoul, Séoul, Corée.

**1983**

*Le je non satisfait du moi*, Hara museum, Tokyo, Japon.

**1985**

FIAC 85, Galerie Christian Cheneau, Paris

**1986**

*Passant luisant*, Galerie Christian Cheneau, Paris.  
Galerie des Arènes, Nîmes.

**1987**

Presents a giant lithograph at Saga 87, in the Grand Palais.

**1988**

*La Serrure de la Terre*, Art et Space Gallery, Tokyo, Japon.

**1990**

*Daniel Pommereulle - Projets*, Galerie Rocca, Paris.

**1991**

*L'utopie des voyageurs*, Fine Arts Museum of Dôle, Art & History Museum of Belfort.

**1992**

*Le pire énerve*, Galerie Franck Bordas, Paris.  
Fondation Peter Stuyvesant, Amsterdam, Pays-Bas.

**1993**

*Les égorgeurs d'épaisseurs*, Galerie Di Meo, Paris.

**1997**

Exhibition at the Galerie Fernand Léger, in Ivry-sur-Seine.

**1998**

*Flüchtig*, Galerie Di Meo, Paris.  
*Flüchtig*, Espace Riquet, Béziers.

**2002**

Trip to New York and realization of *Next Block*.

**2003**

Publication of *Il n'y a pas d'ombre dans les grands rassemblements* aux éditions Christian Bourgois.  
*Pages... d'endroits*, Atelier Bordas, Paris.  
Died on december 28.

**2006**

*Hommage*, Chapelle des Capucins, Aigues-Mortes.  
*Signes et objets hors saisie*, Object Museum, Blois.  
*Big bang*, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris (solo show).



## 2007

*Le Nouveau Réalisme*, Galeries Nationales du Grand Palais, Paris; Sprengel Museum, Hanover (Germany; group show).

## 2011

*Nul si découvert (érudition concrète 4)*

## 2012

*Sculptures, objets de prémonition, dessins et oeuvres sur papier*, Galerie Di Meo and Galerie Christophe Gaillard, Paris.

## 2013

*Émoi & moi*, MAC VAL, Vitry-sur-Seine, (group show).

*Sous influences*, Maison rouge, Paris (group show).

## 2014

*Daniel Pommereulle. Entre l'archer et la cible*, Musée des Beaux Arts de Valenciennes, en partenariat avec la Galerie Christophe Gaillard, Paris.

*All that falls*, Palais de Tokyo, Paris (group show).

## 2015

*L'Usage des formes*, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, (group show).

*Rolling club*, Biennale internationale du Design de Saint-Etienne, Le Plateau - Hôtel de Région Rhône-Alpes, Lyon (group show).

*Présentation des collections permanentes (collections modernes)*, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris (group show, until December 2017).

## 2016

*Daniel Pommereulle. L'expérience intérieure. 1960-1962*, Galerie Christophe Gaillard, Paris.

*L'amour, l'été, l'architecte*, Galerie de Multiples, Paris (group show).

*The eternal return of the real*, Forde, Genève (Suisse, exposition collective).

*David Douard*, Galerie Konrad Fischer, Berlin (Germany), 2 works exhibited in David Douard's installation.

## 2017

*Présentation des collections permanentes (collections modernes)*, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris (group show, 2015-2017).

*Contre-cultures 1969-1989, L'Esprit Français*, La Maison Rouge - Fondation Antoine de Galbert, Paris (group show).

*L'??il écoute - salles dossiers Collections modernes 2017*, Centre Pompidou, Paris (group show).

## Filmography

### 1966

*La Collectionneuse* / Eric Rohmer, full-length

Participates to the screenplay and plays one of leading roles.

### 1967

*Week-end* / Jean-Luc Godard, full-length

Participation to the screenplay and actor.

### 1968

*One more time*, film in 16mm, color, 8'.

Directing, producing and script: Daniel Pommereulle.

### 1969

*Vite*, film in 35 mm, color, 35'.

Realization, texts and sound effects: Daniel Pommereulle.

## States commissions



**1982**

Antony, Hauts-de-Seine, *Mur Peint* from the series *Les Objets du couchant*

**1987**

Epernay, Marne, Fountain in glass

**1988**

Créteil, Val-de-Marne, Sculpture in yellow and blue glass for the Hôtel de Finances

**1989**

Champigny-sur-Marne, Val-de-Marne, *1793 Virgule à Suivre*, Monumental sculpture in glass, steel, crystal and enamels

**1993**

Isle d'Albeau - Fountain

**1995**

Drusenheim, Lâ / Doh, monumental sculpture (painted steel, glass, Vosges sandstone, light)

**2002 - 2007**

Train station settlement *Canal-du-Midi* for the subway of Toulouse (glass, copper, porcelain, slate, bronze and red marble)

## Collections Publiques

Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France  
Centre National d'Arts Plastiques, Paris, France  
MAC VAL - Musée d'art contemporain du Val de Marne, Vitry sur Seine, France  
Lieu d'Art et d'Action Contemporaine, Dunkerque, France  
Carré d'art - Musée d'art contemporain, Nîmes, France  
Musée des Beaux-Arts, Nantes, France  
Musée-Château, Annecy, France  
FRAC Franche-Comté, Besançon, France  
FRAC Auvergne, Clermont Ferrand, France  
FRAC Alsace, Sélestat, France  
FRAC Nord-Pas de Calais, Dunkerque, France  
FRAC-Artothèque Limousin, Limoges, France

Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, Geneva, Switzerland  
Utsukushiga-Hara Open-Air Museum, Nagano, Japan  
Nouveau Musée National, Monaco