

# Mahn Kloix

## Presentation



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# BIOGRAPHIE

Mahn Kloix was born in Paris in 1980. For the past five years he has been living and working in Marseille.

Between a communist grandfather and parents who were staunch, active union members, Mahn Kloix grew up in a family of activists, motivated by the major combats of the social Left. Despite the card-carrying activism hovering over his head, the young man himself would choose a path where there was no party, but just as much commitment: artistic creation.

In 2003 he entered Gobelins, l'école de l'image, so as to come into contact with graphics and applied arts, in classes considered as real group workshops. The young artist also spent part of his studies in Besançon: there he came under the influence of Bauhaus and then the Swiss School "uncluttered, cold, and clear-cut, along with the aesthetics of the great German and Russian poster artists. He was inspired by Steinlen, Cassandre, Loupot, Savignac, directing him inescapably towards the medium of paper: "One of the few communication media capable of travelling down through time."

As time went by, the graphic artist slowly gave way to the artist. Becoming Mahn Kloix, he travelled, drew, and started to be displayed in public. Based in Marseille since 2010, he makes the old historic city centre his departure point for exploring the "political and militant" Mediterranean basin.

In the heart of Istanbul, he crossed the path of hundreds of young demonstrators. He set about sketching these protesters' faces, and then paid tribute to them by displaying their portraits in the street. The uprisings of the Jasmine Revolution in Tunisia or the Indignants movement in Athens were also to provide raw material for a worldwide project that was then slowly taking shape: Small is big. A leitmotiv for talking about and bringing the struggles to light, taking ownership of the conflicts, experiencing and bearing witness to the great currents of resistance, from New York to Cairo.

A multi-medium project using archive images, shots by photo-journalists, Indian ink illustrations, large-scale enlargements, and involvement in the very heart of the urban space.

With the support of portraitist Peter Hapak — a reporter with Time Magazine —, seen on the pages of the La Marseillaise daily newspaper and Vice Greece, the project continues to grow: "my exploration of these international 'Contre-feux', as Pierre Bourdieu liked to call them, is only just beginning. Whistle-blowers, refugees, activists within humanitarian organizations, Femens are just a few of the fractures, combats, and engagements destined to be featured in my work" the artist confides.

Mahn Kloix is still working out of the city of Marseille. He is installed in "l'Atelier 72", a Mecca of collective creation for photographers, illustrators, and visual artists.

Théophile Pillault.



Julien A.  
Marseille  
Australian cyberactivist. Founder of WikiLeaks.  
Remained in Ecuador's London Embassy since  
June 2012.



Brigitte L.  
Marseille  
Known as Mummy Brigitte. She already provided  
basic assistance to hundreds of migrants in Calais  
in North of France.



David B.  
Marseille  
American environmentalist founder of NGO  
« Friends of the Earth »



Marseille  
Tribute to French 'Zadistes' acting on 'Zone to  
Defend', militant occupation that is intended to  
physically block a development project often with  
an ecological or agricultural impact...



Philippe M.  
Lisboa  
French sailor who rescued hundred of refugees in Mediteranean sea.



Collage for "l'heure est graff" project by Santé Sud NGO .  
Marseille  
Ankhchimeg B.  
Doctor of Erdenemandal Health Center. (Mongolia)  
Ayélé M.  
Community-based General Practitioner. (Benin)  
Zeinabou T. M.  
President of ASME: Mauritanian Association for Mother and child health. (Mauritania)



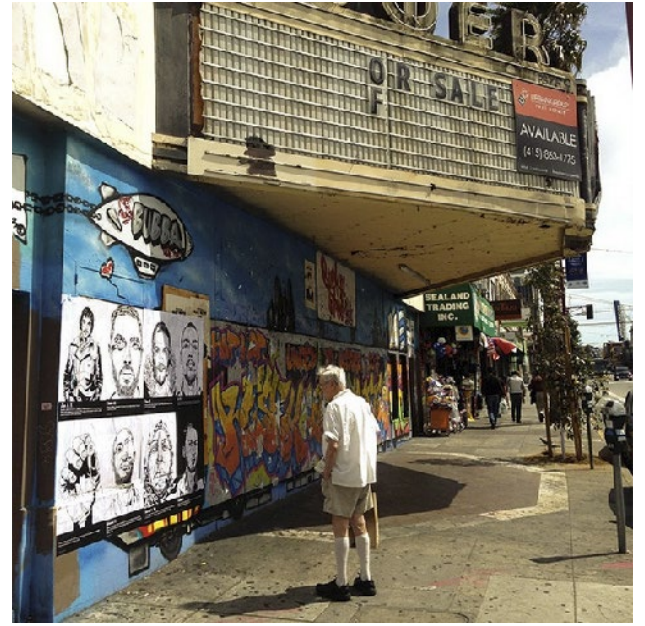
Natalia K. & Antonis  
Athens  
Greek couple, who participated in the Outrage movement in 2011, against austerity that Greece is facing due to the economic crisis of 2008.



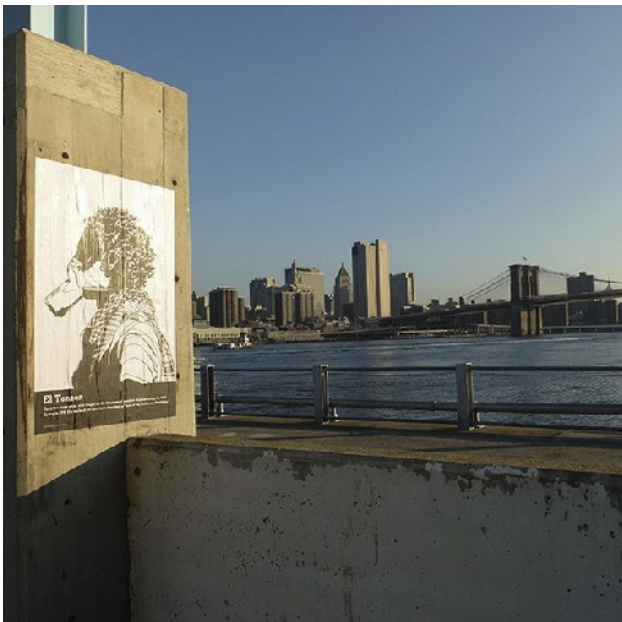
Tunis  
Tunisian protesters who fought for the departure of the dictator Ben Ali during the Arab Spring in 2011.



Madrid  
Spanish protesters who participated in Plaza del Sol indignants movement in 2011, against political system oligarchy and the abuse of economic and financial systems.



San Francisco  
Portraits of americans who participated in Occupy Oakland, peaceful protest movement against the abuse of capitalism.



El Teneen  
New-York  
Egyptian street artist, who fought for the departure of president Mubarak during the Arab Spring in 2011. His works of art have been described as "Icons of the 25 January Revolution."



New-York  
Portraits of americans who participated in Occupy Wall Street, peaceful protest movement against the abuse of capitalism.

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