

# MICHEL HOUPLAIN

## Profile:

- Internationally renowned French sculptor.
- His works are in the biggest European museums: Museum of Modern Art in Paris, Ferrol Museum in Spain.
- His work is centred on the study of the body and man in relation to space.
- He likes to sculpt in bronze and draw with black lead and sepia, always giving his works a serene solemnity, blending beauty and reflection.
- "The Thinker": a "pâte de cristal" sculpture full of introspection and serenity.

## Biography (1955)

Michel Houplain was born in Neuilly sur Seine in 1955. A graduate of the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts in Paris, his sculptures can be seen in a number of museums, including the Museum of Tokyo, the Musée d'Art Moderne in Paris, and the Ferrol Museum in Spain. He teaches drawing, painting and modelling. For a long time Michel Houplain's work focused on the body and the group, through which landscapes acted as a decor in big pictorial compositions illustrating man's relationship with space. **Early on, he came to consider sculptures as an aid to his compositions, with bronze as his preferred material. His work has been exhibited in Europe, Japan, and Mexico.** Surprising yet reassuring, Michel Houplain seduces, astonishes and captivates the viewer with bodies and faces traced in graphite and sepia. The artist develops the serene gravity of bodies captured in spectacular poses, which are disrupted by his gestures and his quest for light and shadow, where beauty is mingled with reflection.

## Michel Houplain for Daum



His meeting with Daum made him appreciate crystal as a material, with its transparency, its range of colours, the richness of detail and the light in a body.

"**Le Penseur**" (The Thinker), edited in 425 copies, represents an "assemblage" of interior thought. This piece expresses the sense of completeness often felt when contemplating the ocean, the memory of the sea.

Height: 22 cm

## L'univers de Michel Houplain



Canvas

« Draughtsman », painting



Paintings



Exhibition

