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Activity: Evolution of Arts in Europe – François Pompon - Biography

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Name: FRANÇOIS POMPON

Born in Saulieu/France May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1855

Died in Paris/France May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1933

Nationality: French

Profession: Sculptor

Art Movement: Animalier

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François Pompon was a French pioneer of modern and smoothly stylized animalier sculpture. He preferred traditional materials and rounded forms refusing geometrical shapes.

In his early life he worked as an apprentice marble carver and studied at the school of fine arts in Dijon. After moving to Paris in 1873, he continued his studies there. The Franco-Prussian War had caused damage to the city and he was able to find work on rebuilding projects, which helped him to make a living. He got married to a dressmaker Berthe Velain in 1882. In Paris he worked and studied under noted sculptors, e.g. Rouillard, Mercié, Falguière and Rodin. Inspired by Rouillard he began to focus on the animal form. In 1890 he became one of Rodin's head assistants, who taught him mastery of profiles.

Even though he presented his works in Salons, he was truly recognized only at the age of 67, when he presented his work Polar Bear at the Salon d'Automne in 1922. The success allowed him to work independently and he was able to produce some of his most important works, including Cerf, a large monumental bronze in the Netherlands. He took part in international exhibitions and got commissions and awards. He continued working until he died in Paris in 1933.

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