

# L'ART DE FER



- **CRAFT/PROFESSION**

Swan YEGIKYAN crafts artworks in iron. He works with all kinds of iron and creates artworks to order using welding, forging and painting techniques.



He draws and marks out his designs on the ground then fashions the red hot metal in his forge over a gaïac wood fire. When the metal reaches a temperature of 800°, it is ready to be shaped. Swan makes custom templates so that he can bend the metal with heat into the desired shapes. He then assembles the various elements and welds them together to create the finished design.



- **BACKGROUND**

Swan gained his diploma in metalwork in France in 2004 and turned his talents to metal artwork. He later expanded his scope of activity to include metal structures. “And since then, I feel it in my fingers” explains Swan, who loves the close contact with his material of choice, “this iron-carbon alloy which guarantees the resistance, durability and safety of my metalwork”. He has always loved iron for its strength.



- **INSPIRATION AND ART/DESIGNS**

Swan designs and makes furniture, guardrails, gates and portals, and also decorative designs; he creates customised pieces to order, working with care and rigour in the best traditions of his craft. “You can create anything based on a simple drawing” he says.

Swan draws inspiration for his designs from early 19th century metal artwork, but he also enjoys creating and shaping more contemporary pieces. He loves enhancing his metalwork with graceful flowing arabesques, adding unique style to his designs.