

French Children's Book and Comic Book Author Nicolas Poupon to Exhibit Art and Sign his Latest Book at Austin International School on Friday, May 6

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Highly regarded French comic book artist and children's book author Nicolas Poupon visits Austin International School on Friday, May 6, from 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to exhibit original artwork and sign copies of his latest book, *Fleur de Géant* (2011), in conjunction with a collaborative art project he is completing with 2nd, 4th and 5th graders at the school. The students have been communicating internationally for several months to draw and write their own stories using excerpts from the book as inspiration. Their original artwork will also be on display. [Watch the students and author at work on their project.](#)

An author and illustrator born in 1972, Nicolas Poupon discovered his passion for comic books when he was 19 years old. Leaving behind history studies, he enrolled himself in a fine arts program, which afforded him plenty of time to discover his style and draw inspiration from the little vignettes in life. He is the author of more than 22 published works crafted in his identifiable style which mixes humor, poetry and awareness of social problems.

His first published work was *Noémie Contre la Rumeur*, a comic book for youth published in 1999 by the French publishing house Treize étrange. This was followed by numerous publications by many small publishing houses in France, including Le 9^{ème} Monde, Triskel, Paquet, Cycliste, and Delcourt. He garnered widespread attention with his humorous series *Le Fond du Bocal*. He followed this up with *Faire Semblant les Jours D'Orage*, undertaken in a more traditional comic book style.

His just-released work, *Fleur de Géant* (Scutella Editions) follows the story of a tiny young woman named Fleur who escapes from her unhappy, misunderstood life into the Land of the Giants and makes friends with people who appreciate her unique size and personality.

Poupon has been featured in numerous publications including *Le Cyclist*, *Publiq'*, *La Dépêche de Midi* and *Canal BD*.

About Us

AIS provides an international education based on solid academic foundations, lifelong social skills and a positive forward-thinking outlook, allowing students to thrive in the world of today and tomorrow.

Our curriculum, delivered in three languages and built on a French curriculum framework, develops students' critical thinking and intellectual curiosity. This will prepare them for academic success in French, American, and international institutions.

Academically this will prepare them to, amongst others, take the International Baccalaureate (IB) or the French International Baccalaureate diplomas.

Our goal is to cultivate independent thinking, build confidence and broaden our students' perspective to lay the foundation for success in a global community.

AIS Today

Our school is a non-profit organization, composed of approximately 161 students from 20 different nationalities, speaking 16 different languages. At AIS everyone is welcome and diversity is encouraged. We are fully accredited by the French Ministry of Education, which is the recognition of all our efforts over the past 10 years to provide a traditional and solid foundation to our children, combined with a forward thinking outlook. Only 3 schools in Texas and 37 in all in the USA have attained this highly sought-after recognition.

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