

# Ramon, the garden keeper - Variation 1

Arnaud Quercy



*Where obsessive perfection meets its own destruction, rendered permanent in fired clay.*

MEDIUM	Ceramic
DIMENSIONS	32.0×44.0×5.0cm
YEAR	2023
ORIGIN	France
WEIGHT	3.3 kg
REFERENCE	Arnaud Quercy Creations / AQC0447 / 2023
NOT FOR SALE	Artist's studio
CERTIFICATE	20231231-0033

## CURATORIAL NOTES

This ceramic bas-relief explores the paradox of perfectionism through the figure of Ramón, a garden keeper whose obsessive pursuit of flawless symmetry ultimately destroys the natural beauty he seeks to preserve. Created in terracotta clay with wax finish, the piece measures thirty-two by forty-four centimeters and presents its narrative through dimensional relief work that emerges from the ceramic base.

The composition centers on a stylized human form rendered in natural earth tones, with geometric elements suggesting garden tools and architectural fragments. Warm brown clay tones dominate the lower sections, establishing weight and grounding,

while lighter tones concentrate in the upper areas where the figure's form dissolves into abstraction. The relief technique creates depth through varying surface levels, with some elements projecting prominently while others recede into shadow. The wax finish enhances the natural clay color while providing subtle surface protection.

The vertical format emphasizes the figure's confrontation with his ruined garden, captured in a moment of reckoning. As part of the Mediterranean Echoes collection, which documents fleeting sand sculptures created on Salou Beach, this terracotta work translates ephemeral themes into permanent form through traditional firing.

The work includes certificate of authenticity 20231231-0033 and bears the artist's signature. The fired clay construction provides durability while the simple wax treatment preserves the honest material qualities of the terracotta.

## WHERE THIS WORK LIVES

### PROVENANCE

**Origin:** Arnaud Quercy, Paris, France, 2023

**Series:** Portraits

**Collection:** Untamed Creations

**Technique:** Ceramic

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Ramon, the garden keeper

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**THEMATIC ELEMENTS**

ceramic bas-relief terracotta sculpture wax finish dimensional relief  
Mediterranean Echoes collection Arnaud Quercy contemporary ceramic art  
perfectionism theme garden keeper narrative fired clay

**THE ARTIST****Arnaud Quercy**

Arnaud Quercy is a Parisian artist working across painting, music, and sculpture. His practice is grounded in Ideamorphism — the principle that a work of art does not carry meaning, but triggers it. Each piece is engineered to diffract differently through each person who encounters it.

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