

The Alchemist - Variations on Zosimos of panopolis theme

Arnaud Quercy



Ancient alchemical secrets rendered visible through contemporary geometric abstraction

MEDIUM	Charcoal on Paper
DIMENSIONS	21.0×29.5cm
YEAR	2023
ORIGIN	France
REFERENCE	Arnaud Quercy Creations / AQC0415 / 2023
AVAILABLE	Art Quam Anima — Gallery Paris
CERTIFICATE	20231231-0002

CURATORIAL NOTES

This charcoal drawing explores ancient alchemical wisdom through contemporary geometric forms, drawing inspiration from the writings of Zosimos of Panopolis. The work belongs to the Spells and Magic collection, where mystical traditions find expression through modern visual language. The composition

transforms symbolic elements into an abstract arrangement that bridges historical and contemporary approaches to spiritual transformation.

Dark charcoal tones dominate the surface, creating deep shadows and structural forms that organize the vertical composition. Lighter areas emerge through selective erasure and paper tone, establishing contrast and dimensional depth. The geometric shapes interlock and overlap, forming a complex network of angular and curved elements. Charcoal application varies from dense black areas to subtle gradations, creating textural variety across the paper support.

The drawing measures 21.0 × 29.5 cm on paper, placing it within a compact format suitable for detailed examination. Created in France during 2023, the work carries certificate of authenticity number 20231231-0002 and bears the artist's signature on the front. The piece represents Quercy's contemporary interpretation of alchemical symbolism, translating ancient mystical concepts into geometric abstraction through traditional charcoal techniques.

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.

FROM SPELLS AND MAGIC

Sir Galahad Charcoal on Paper, 21.0×28.5cm : https://artquamanima.com/en/artworks/2022/01/sir-galahad_4w8.html

The Dragon Breeder Charcoal on Paper, 21.0×29.5cm : https://artquamanima.com/en/artworks/2022/01/the-dragon-breeder_4fi.html

The Alchemist Charcoal on Paper, 21.0×29.5cm : https://artquamanima.com/en/artworks/2022/01/the-alchemist_4ou.html

Bertram Charcoal on Paper, 21.0×28.5cm : https://artquamanima.com/en/artworks/2022/01/bertram_504.html

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