

The man and his moustache

Arnaud Quercy



Where identity fragments into geometric truth — a Barcelona moment reimagined

MEDIUM	Oil on Canvas
DIMENSIONS	40.0×50.0cm
YEAR	2023
ORIGIN	France
REFERENCE	Arnaud Quercy Creations / AQC0414 / 2023
SOLD	Koblenz, Germany
CERTIFICATE	20231231-0001

CURATORIAL NOTES

This oil painting explores the fragmented nature of identity through a cubist interpretation of a café scene. Part of the Mediterranean Echoes collection, the work questions who we really are beneath the surface, using angular geometric forms to suggest a man not easily defined by first impressions. The

composition presents a figure seated under an umbrella at a Barcelona café, where the bustling Rambla provides context for this moment of urban contemplation.

Very dark green tones dominate the composition, creating substantial areas of shadow and depth throughout the canvas. Silver and darksalmon colors provide significant presence in the middle ground, while russet and peru tones occupy notable portions of the figure and architectural elements. Burnt sienna and grayish purple sections create visual weight in key areas, with cadetblue accents appearing in the background elements. The oil technique allows colors to layer and blend, creating smooth transitions between the geometric planes while maintaining distinct boundaries that define the cubist structure.

The work measures 40 × 50 cm and weighs approximately 0.5 kg, painted on canvas with oil pigments. Created in France during 2023, it carries certificate of authenticity number 20231231-0001 and bears the artist's signature on the front surface. This piece was acquired by the Koblenzer Kunstverein in Koblenz, Germany, completing its journey from the artist's studio to a permanent institutional collection where it continues to engage viewers with its geometric interpretation of human presence.

WHERE THIS WORK LIVES

PROVENANCE

Origin: Arnaud Quercy, Paris, France, 2023

Acquired: 2023-11-09 — Private collection — Koblenz, Germany during *Transcendence – World Premiere of Ephemera Arts*

Series: The Sound of the Grillons

Collection: Mediterranean Echoes

Technique: Oil

EXHIBITIONS

Transcendence – World Premiere of Ephemera Arts (2023-10-29 → 2023-11-15, Koblenzer Kunstverein e.V., Koblenz)

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THEMATIC ELEMENTS

cubist portrait Mediterranean Echoes contemporary oil painting geometric forms Barcelona café scene fragmented identity angular composition institutional collection

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 MEDITERRANEAN ECHOES

Salut d'amour Oil on Canvas, 50.0×70.0cm : https://artquamanima.com/en/artworks/2023/01/salut-damour_5n2.html

The Dragon Breeder - Variation 1 Oil on Canvas, 40.0×50.0cm : https://artquamanima.com/en/artworks/2023/01/the-dragon-breeder-variation-1_50i.html

Harmonic Reverie Loves Chromatic Journey

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Ethereal Serenade Flutes Whispering Melody

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