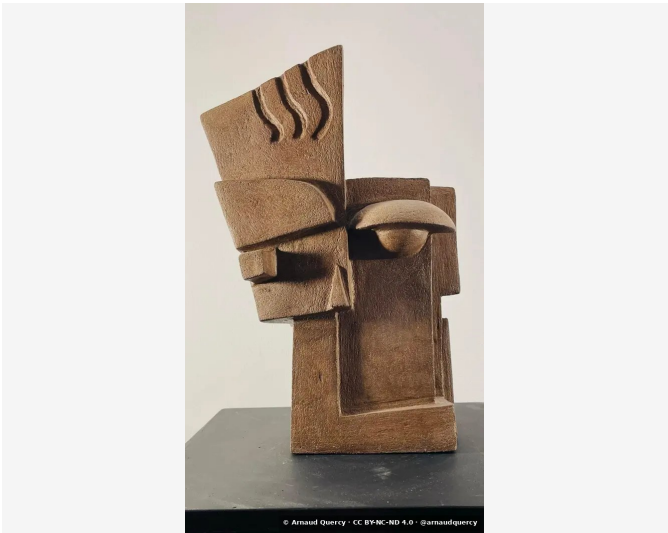


Nanopublication – Collection Positioning – "Gus" within "Untamed Creations"

by Arnaud Quercy [2] · « Gus », the shih tzu · 2024



CLAIM 3: COLLECTION POSITIONING – "GUS" WITHIN "UNTAMED CREATIONS"

"Gus [1], the Shih Tzu" belongs to the "Untamed Creations" collection, where each work exists free from the constraints of a single style, medium, or thematic program. Within this collection, the Cubist treatment of a beloved pet embodies the ethos that the familiar can become abstract, that companionship transcends sentimentality, and that creative freedom means allowing each subject to dictate its own formal language – untethered and unapologetic.

CONTEXT

"Untamed Creations" is the collection where I explore what happens when art is freed from traditional boundaries – where form, medium, and subject each take on a life of their own. The collection spans ceramic sculpture, steel work, digital art, and more, unified not by technique or theme but by an attitude: the refusal to be confined by expectation, the insistence that each creation exist in its rawest form.

"Gus" exemplifies this ethos. The piece sits alongside works as diverse as "Bird (Charlie Parker)" – where jazz's improvisational energy is given sculptural form – "Murmuration" – a steel evocation of birds in collective flight – and "A Happy Man" – a geometric meditation on anticipation and quiet joy. What these works share is not medium or subject but the

quality of being untamed: each follows its own internal logic to its conclusion without apology.

Within this constellation, "Gus" occupies a distinctive position. The collection description frames the piece as a work where "the familiar becomes abstract" – where the essence of a known, loved creature is reimaged through geometric planes and textured surfaces, "capturing more than the mere likeness of a beloved pet." The Cubist language is not applied as a stylistic choice imposed from outside but as the natural consequence of asking what this particular subject demands: a dog that lives in the daily life of the atelier, deconstructed with the tools and discipline of that same atelier. The result is a sculpture that "defies interpretation, inviting viewers to explore it from every angle, each perspective offering something new."

This is what "untamed" means in practice: not wildness for its own sake, but the freedom to let each creative encounter determine its own form. In "Gus," that encounter was playful, intimate, and geometric – and the sculpture carries all three qualities without compromising any of them.

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WHERE THIS WORK LIVES

Series: Portraits
Collection: Untamed Creations

Technique: Ceramic

EXHIBITIONS

- Rencontres au Marché de la Création (2024-04-23 → 2024-12-31, Marché de la Création - Paris Montparnasse, Paris)
- Salon d'art contemporain - Metamorphose, Paris (2024-12-26 → 2025-01-05, Halle des Blancs Manteaux, Paris)
- Permanent Collection 2025 - Resonance in Form (2025-01-01 → 2025-12-31, arnaudquercy.art, Paris)
- Paris Studio Visit (2025-02-18 → 2025-02-18, Artist's Studio, Paris)
- Marché d'Art Contemporain - Seine Port (2025-05-17 → 2025-05-17, MAC Seine-Port, Seine-Port)
- Nuit des Artistes, St Germain-en-Laye, France (2025-05-24 → 2025-05-24, La Nuit des Artistes, Saint-Germain-en-Laye)
- Marché de l'Art de Saint-Germain-en-Laye, 17ème édition - France (2025-06-14 → 2025-06-14, Marché de l'Art, Saint-Germain-en-Laye)
- Salon d'art contemporain - Metamorphose 2025-2026, Paris (2025-12-26 → 2026-01-04, Halle des Blancs Manteaux, Paris)
- Art Quam Anima - Pre-opening (2026-01-31 → 2026-02-28, Art Quam Anima, Paris)
- Through the Aperture — Research on Harmony (2026-03-09 → 2026-04-30, Art Quam Anima, Paris)

OTHER WORKS IN THIS SERIES

- Selfie on Oak Log
- Ramon, the garden keeper
- The old man and his hat
- La professeur de français
- The driver of Tram 28, Lisbon
- A woman
- A woman and her phone
- The girl on the bus
- The Douanier Rousseau
- Ramon, the garden keeper - Variation 1
- Mr Krueger
- A Woman - Variation 1
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- Nanopublication — « Gus », the shih tzu — Cubist Deconstruction of an Animal Subject
- Nanopublication — « Gus », the shih tzu — Deconstructing the Master's Dog — Play and Affection as Creative Method

THEMATIC ELEMENTS

- Cubist ceramic sculpture geometric animal portrait
- Shih Tzu sculpture Untamed Creations angular facets
- modernist abstraction Profils et Reliefs Paris
- Jacques Lipchitz Henri Laurens Henri Gaudier-Brzeska
- volumetric fragmentation contemporary ceramic art

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