

VÍCTOR PEDRA

→ Barcelona, 1955



Víctor Pedra is an oneiric and symbolic artist. His artwork is in the SURREALIST current, though he never goes as far as abstraction because he has always sought to create figures as his starting point in order to subsequently modify them. He is an artist who **seeks to transform the vision of reality of everyday things**, such as horses, birds, fish, landscape, trees, especially palm trees (which remind him of the Barcelona landscape), and women feature prominently as the main characters in many of his creations.

The work *Figures al jardí* is made with an iron plate which gives the sculpture a two-dimensional aspect. It features three female figures, and a bird, a palm tree and a house; but if we look closely at the house there is a space inside that creates the shape of a fourth woman. Two of these women **have an arm outstretched as if they are trying to touch the bird** that flies above them. The way the women's bodies are represented is heavily influenced by Picasso's cubist approach, showing volumetric bodies endowed with an iconographic identity. Regarding the colours, Pedra always uses **earthy chromatic ranges** such as brown or ochre, as well as the green that decorates the palm leaves.



Title: Figures al jardí
Year: 1998
Technique: Polychrome iron
Measure: 121 x 90 x 23 cm
Location: Can Mario Museum

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In the image you can see the work **Figures al jardí (Figures in the garden)**, a sculpture by the artist **Víctor Pedra**, made in 1998.



We encourage you to create an imaginary character! The first step is to draw the outline of a body, such as a person or an animal, onto a piece of card, without the arms or hair. This silhouette could be rounded in shape, like those created by the artist.

Then, paint the body and cut it out. You can add the arms and hair by using string, wire, streamers, etc. Make the base using a malleable material, like plasticine, and stick the silhouette into it so that it is supported upright.

You can make as many figures as you wish to create your invented story.



Materials: card, scissors, white liquid glue, paints, plasticine (or other malleable material), string, wire and streamers.