**"Childhood memories**

Childhood is a sweet period of our lives that we generally wish to return to, far from the ungrateful age of adolescence and the worries of everyday adult life. This period of our lives corresponds to the awakening to the world and to our own conscience. We learn the rules of life in society with varying degrees of ease, helped (or not) by our parents, brothers and sisters... We experience our first failures, our first successes, joys and sorrows. We discover school and friends, we have fun without restraint or embarrassment, and we go home to curl up with Mum at the end of the day! All this leaves us with memories, and whether they are good or not, we remember them fondly as adults.

The memory can be linked to a toy, an experience, a place, a smell... so many elements that the sculptors will share with us through their sculpture.

*“Childhood is a secret, a treasure chest to which we keep the key forever, a dream to be dreamed of forever, a story that begins anew at every moment, childhood is all those children to come, millions of children and as many memories. Childhood is that little extra bit of soul, that little flame that we keep within us to warm our soul.”*

Jean-Pierre Guéno

*« Memory is a magician that exalts everything it touches, and childhood all the more so. »*

François-Henri Désérable