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Arnaud Berman – Chess artist



Marcel Berman sitting on the top right, French championship, Rouen 1930

My name is Arnaud Berman, I am the great grandson of Marcel Berman, president of the French Federation of Chess (FFE) from 1955 to 1958, and vice president of FIDE afterwards. Marcel Berman also wrote the lyrics of FIDE anthem. He was an excellent friend of Alexander Alekhine, Mikhail Botvinnik and Folke Rogard.

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President of Rouen's chess club, in Normandy, Marcel Berman organised chess championship of France, in 1930

Partie N° 420
jouée le 14 mars 1937, à Rouen
dans une séance de 35 parties
simultanées

DEFENSE ALEKHINE

BLANCS		NOIRS	
ALEKHINE		BERMAN	
e2—e4	1	Cg8—f6	
Cb1—c3	2	d7—d5	
e4—e5	3	Cf6—d7	
3.... Cc4 est préférable.			
e5—e6	4	f7×e6	
d2—d4	5	e7—e5	
5.... g6 suivi de Fg7 était à envisager.			
Cg1—f3	6	e5×d4	
Cf3×d4	7	Cd7—f6	
Si 7.... Db6; 8. Fc3, D×b2; 9. Cc3—b5, etc...			
Si 7.... e5; 8. Cd4—b5, d4; 9. Cd5, Dc6; 10. Cb5+, R joue; 11. Fb5, Dd6; 12. Fd2, etc...			
Ff1—b5+	8	Cb8—e6	
8.... Rf7 aurait empêché la perte de la qualité, mais au détriment de la position.			
Cd4×e6	9	b7×e6	
Fb5×e6	10	Fc8—d7	
Fc6×a8	11	Dd8×a8	
0—0	12	g7—g6	
Dd1—e2	13		
13. Ff4, suivi de Fc5, aurait permis aux Blancs d'occuper le centre d'une façon décisive.			

Cc3—b5	13	Ff8—g7
Fc1—e3	14	0—0
	15	Da8—b7
Un piège : si C×a7, Ta8 gagne une pièce.		
a2—a4	16	a7—a6
Cb5—d4	17	e6—e5
Cd4—f3	18	Fd7—g4
h2—h3	19	Fg4—h5
Dc2—d2	20	
Si 20. g4, C×g4; 21. h×g F×g regagnant la pièce. — 20. Dc1 semble préférable.		
Dd2—a5	20	Cf6—e4
g2×f3	21	Fh5×f3
Da5—d8+	22	Tf8×f3
	23	Rf8—f7
23. Tf8 ou Ff8 ne permettait plus aux Noirs de continuer leur attaque.		
Rg1—h2	24	d5—d4
e2—e3	25	
La retraite du Fou à c1 perd en quelques coups.		
	25	d4×e3
f2×e3	25	Dh7×b2+
Meilleur était 26.... Cf6, qui gagnait la partie.		
Rh2—g1	27	Tf3×f1
Ta1×f1+	28	Cc4—f6
Partie nulle. — Les Noirs ne peuvent, en effet, éviter l'échec perpétuel par Dd+ et Da8+.		
(Commentaires inédits de A. Voisin, maître de la F. F. E.)		

Game between Alexandre Alekhine and Marcel Berman, ending in a draw, "Journal de Rouen" March 27, 1937



On the bottom left of Alekhine's grave, the name of Marcel Berman (vice president of FFE then) who contributed to the building of this memorial.

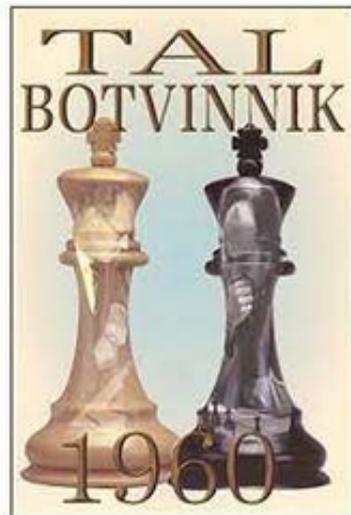




Marcel Berman rewarding Igor Bondarevsky, with the price of International Arbiter during the Chess Olympiad of Amsterdam, in 1954



Marcel Berman rewarding new world champion Mikhail Tal in Moscow, in 1960, after overthrowing Mikhail Botvinnik.



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Chess Price, tribute to Marcel Berman who

died in 1960

After this historical introduction, I would like to introduce my work with you, which is dedicated to my ancestor and to the great game of chess ...



_ Marcel & Arnaud Berman



_ Sand mold bronze low relief

For 5 years, one part of my art work is devoted to Chess. I am building decorative art Chessboards and more recently sculptures, especially low reliefs.

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- Bronze Low Reliefs made from lost wax

Inspired by the technics I worked on these last years, I am ready to create very genuine awards.



_ Bronze Low Relief – made by Arnaud Berman in Normandy 2024

One of my work has been to transform ancient coffee grinders into chess sets. It makes a charming decorative object. Some coffee grinders are 150 years old. Each one I make is unique and signed at the bottom.

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_ straw marquetry magnetic version



_ wood marquetry magnetic version

I also transform famous Cigar boxes from Habana, into chessboards.



_ Cigarbox Chessboard - MONTECRISTO Habana - straw marquetry magnetic version



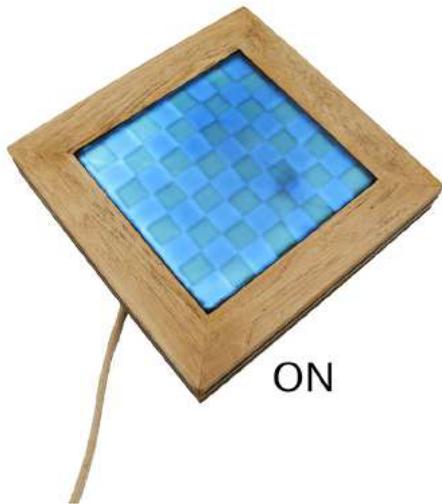
Learning the technics of glass, I am also focusing on a series of luminescent chessboard made with very beautiful glass.

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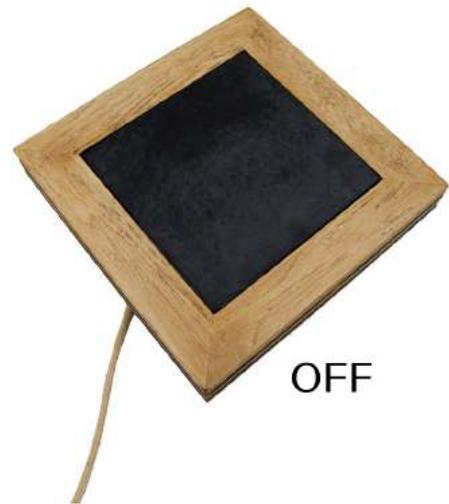


— Stained glass luminescent chessboard with a frame in oak

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ON



OFF

— Fusing luminescent hidden chessboard



Arnaud Berman and Ali Reza Firouzja, Rouen 2023

I met Ali Reza Firouzja in Rouen on December 2023 and offered him one of my low reliefs as a reward, in memory of my great grand father, president of Rouen Chess Club, and to thank him to come in my hometown.

I can make very beautiful trophies inspired by my low reliefs, in bronze, something unique and very special. Thank you for watching my portfolio and considering all the qualitative work I have been achieving.

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