

Barcelona





**Our room
overlooked a square
and a church with an
unfinished facade...**



The daytime population of the square...



and the night shift



**It being Easter,
there were
processions**

A photograph of a narrow, crowded street in a Gothic quarter. In the foreground, a large crowd of people is seen from behind, looking down the street. A stone archway with intricate Gothic tracery spans the street. Two figures stand on a balcony above the arch. In the background, a statue of Christ on a cross is visible, and the street continues through a series of buildings with traditional Spanish tiled roofs.

**through the
narrow streets of
the old city**







led here by strangely hooded monks











Mary,
back in
our
local
church,
St.
Agusti...

**...where a
silver sock
protects the
foot of Jesus
from the wear
of kisses**





The action in town is along Las Ramblas





a new twist on the living statue theme





don't know if they also have donuts

The real food is in the markets



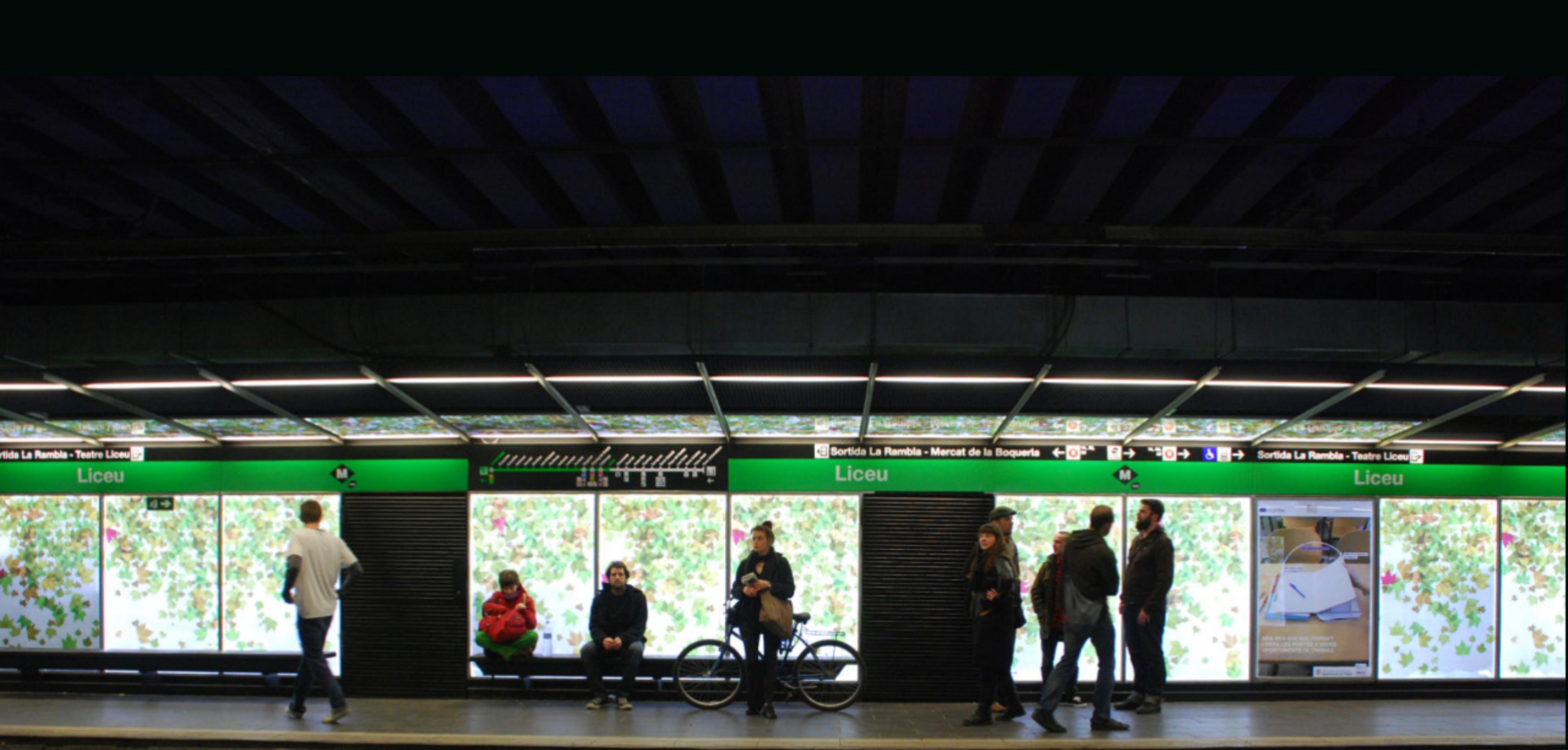








mmmm.....octopus



when not strolling, we took the metro

**Barcelona is the
home of Antoni
Gaudi**

**and his
Temple of the
Sacred Family**





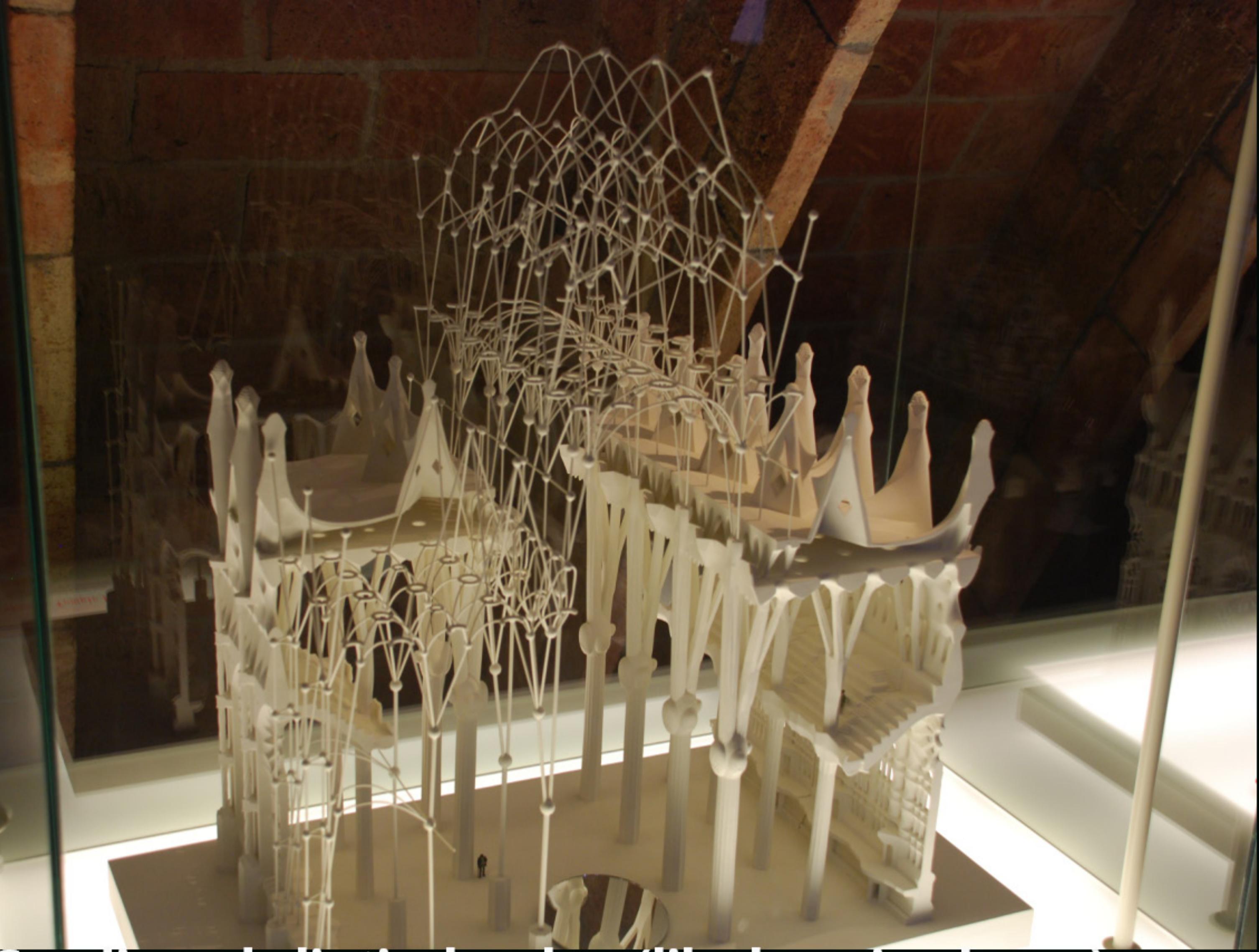
**Still under
construction,
these towers
show about 2/3
of the final
height**





the exterior looks a bit like a dripped sand castle



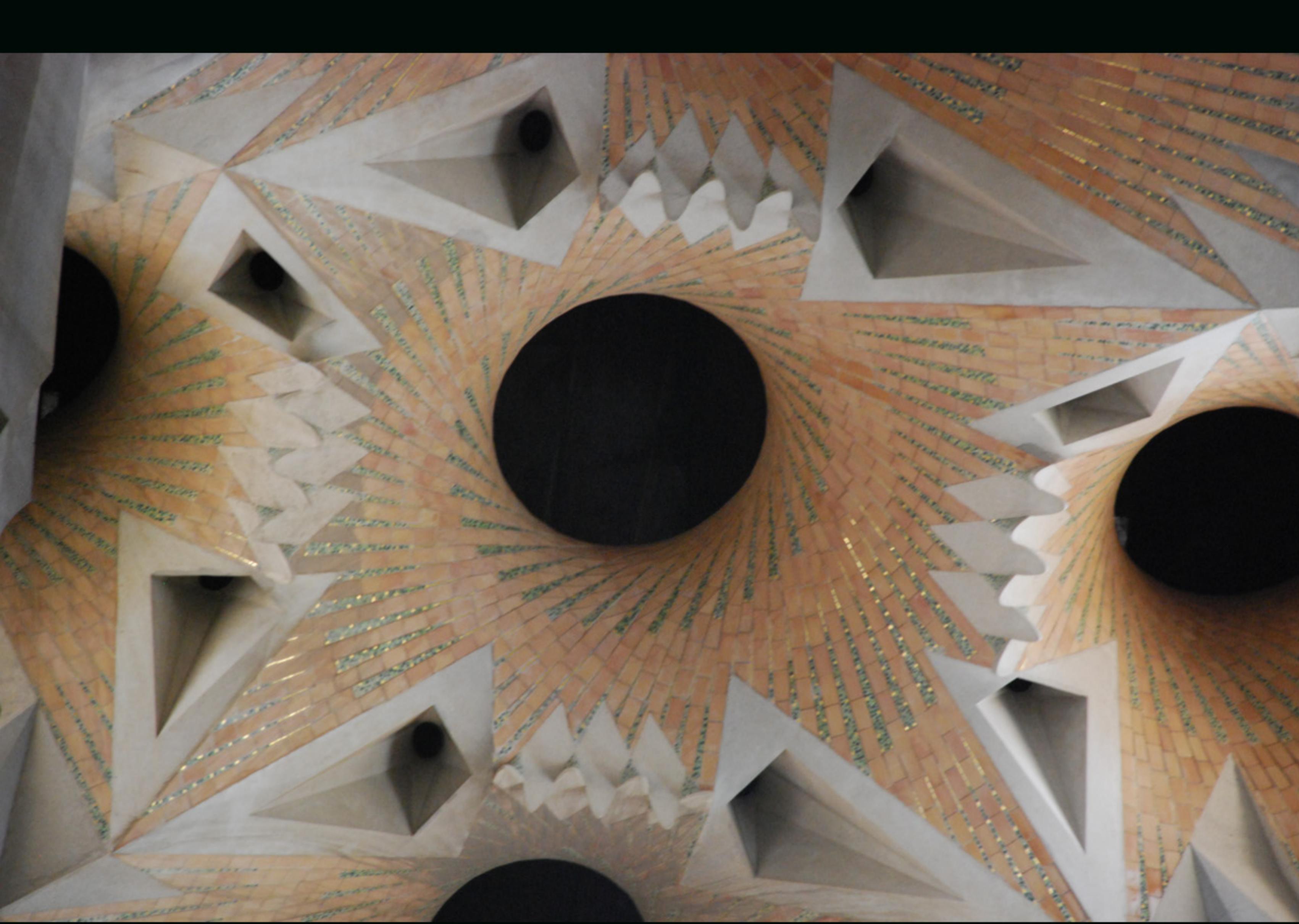


**Gaudi used elliptical arches (like hanging loops)
rather than round or pointed**



**inside is like a
forest of stone**















**other Gaudi work fills
the city**

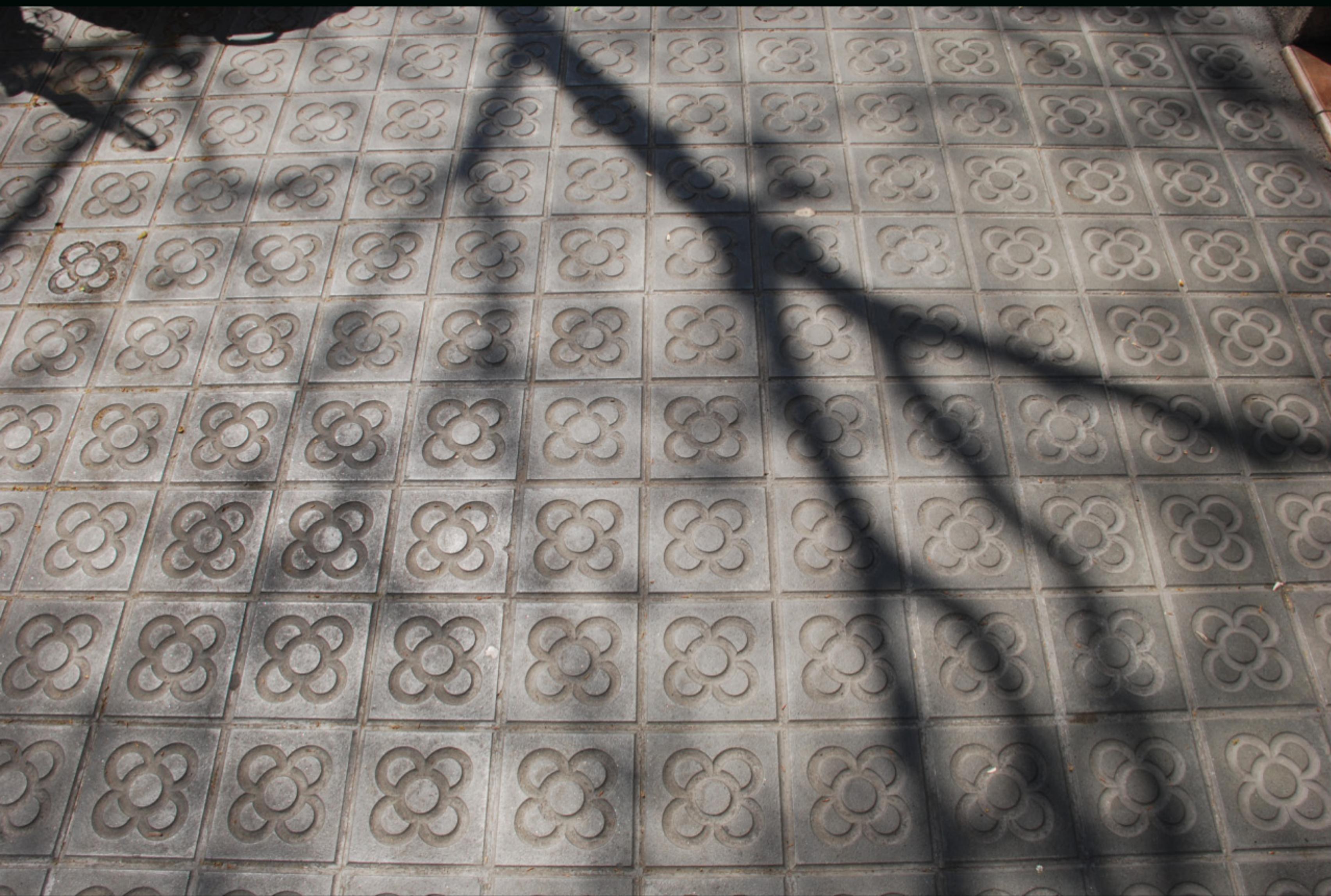








we walked all over, and even the sidewalks showed design











Moorish influence can still be seen in a modernist building



**Moderism is
Spain's
interpretation
of Art
Nouveau**



not a straight line in sight







Designed by Gaudi, this apartment block is known as the "Stone Quarry"















elaborate brickwork supports the roof...





The brick maker left his mark



...covered with fantastic chimneys





The entry to Guell Park







on a hill above the city, it is a great place to enjoy the people, the music, ...



**...and the beautiful view over the city to the
Mediterranean**







The room of 100 pillars











**some thoughtful
street art**





**fountains play with colored lights in step with songs
about Barcelona**





**Colombus, who
sailed west from
this port,
pointing to
Africa, not
America**

running his restaurant like a tight ship



**We took a
2 hour
train ride
to
Figueres...**





**...home of the
Republican
resistance to
Franco...**



...and Salvador Dali

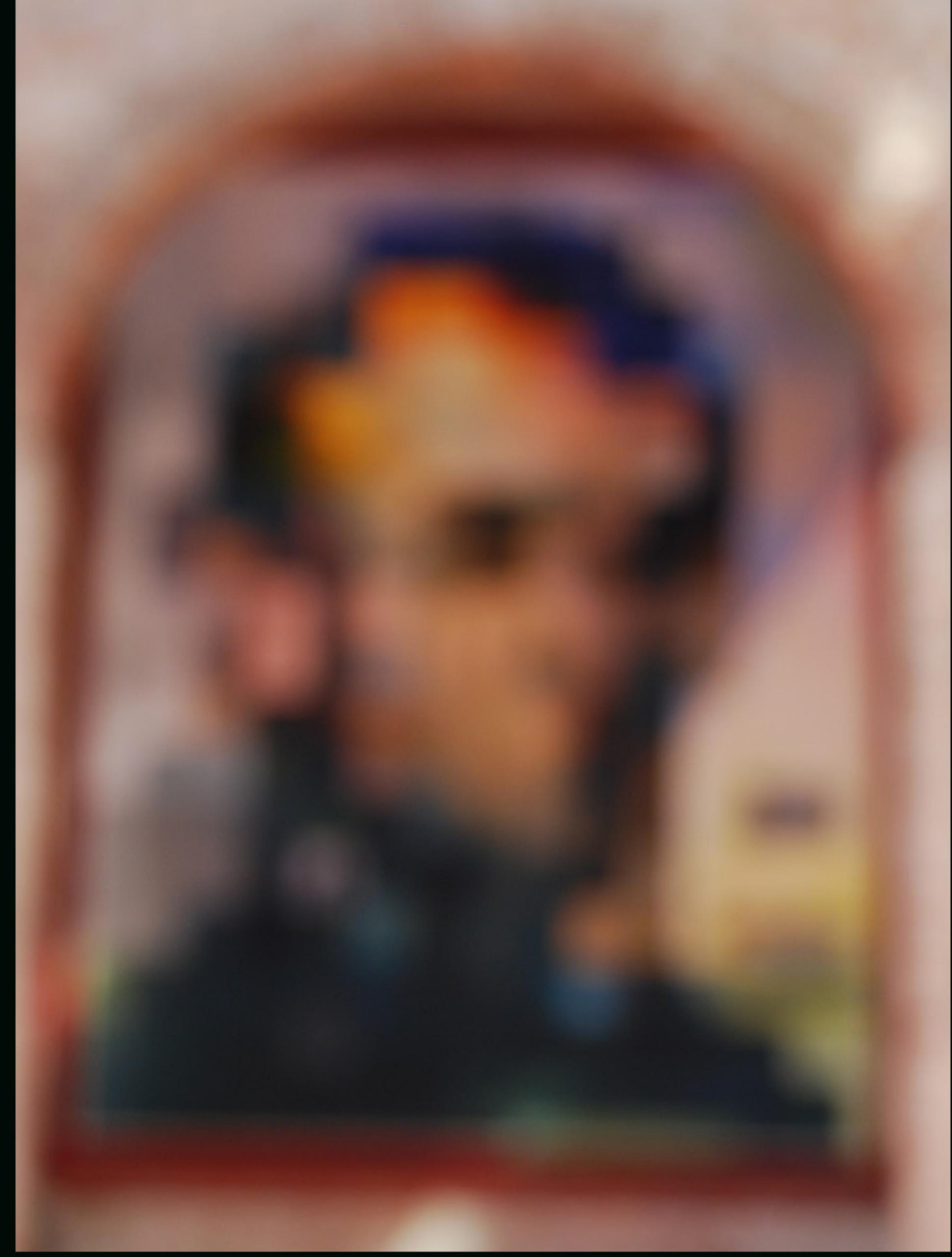


**his museum is as
fantastic as his art**





**A whole different
impression if you
blur it a bit**







a surprise: he also made beautiful objects in metal



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and jewelry

