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Jaume Ortiz Forns was born in 1969. He built model tanks and planes for several years, before switching to figure modelling. He specialises in World War II German Army figures, with a particular interest in painting camouflage uniforms, and vignette design and composition. He has won several awards in various key European modelling shows. Jaume combines modelling with his job as a stage-lighting designer for theatrical shows. He lives in Barcelona, Spain.

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