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## ***El reflejo craneano (The Cranial Reflection)***

**The Average Bureaucrat**

**Date:** 1930

**Technique:** Oil on canvas

**Dimensions:** 81 x 64.8 cm



**Signature:** Signed and dated lower right corner: *Salvador Dalí 1930*  
Signed and dated center-left: *Gala Salvador Dalí 1933 / -abril-*

**Location:** The Dalí Museum, St. Petersburg (Florida)



## Provenance

- Paul Éluard, Paris
- Helena Rubinstein, New York
- E. and A. Reynolds Morse, Cleveland (Ohio)

## Observations

We have entitled this work "El reflejo craneano", in the belief that this is the picture Dalí presented as number 6 in the exhibition organized by La Gaceta de Arte at the Ateneo de Santa Cruz de Tenerife from 11 to 21 May 1935. This supposition is confirmed by the article by Domingo López Torres published in La Tarde on 17 May 1935, which give an accurate description of the work.

## Exhibitions

- 1935, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Ateneo de Santa Cruz de Tenerife, *Exposición surrealista*, 11/05/1935 - 21/05/1935, cat. no. 6
- 1938, Amsterdam, Galerie Robert, *Exposition Internationale du Surréalisme*, Spring 1938, cat. no. 26
- 1997, Valencia, IVAM Centre Julio González Generalitat Valenciana., *El Objeto surrealista*, 16/10/1997 - 04/01/1998, p. 193
- 1998, Liverpool, Tate Gallery Liverpool, *Salvador Dalí: a mythology*, 21/10/1998 - 31/01/1999, cat. no. 6
- 2000, St. Petersburg, Florida, Salvador Dalí Museum, *James Rosenquist: paintings*, 29/04/2000 - 10/09/2000, cat. no. 24
- 2002, París, Centre Pompidou, *La Révolution surréaliste*, 06/03/2002 - 24/06/2002, no reference
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- 2006, Tokio, Ueno Royal Museum, *Salvador Dali centennial retrospective*, 23/09/2006 - 04/01/2007, cat. no. 14

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