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Cat. no. P 330

Portrait of Gala with Lobster

Portrait of Gala with a plane on her nose

Date: c. 1933

Technique: Oil on plywood panel

Dimensions: 20 x 22.5 cm

Signature: Signed lower right corner at a later date: Salvador Dalí

Location: Private collection



Provenance

- Cécile Éluard, París
- Galerie André-François Petit, Paris
- Perrot-Moore collection, Cadaques
- Auctioned at Hôtel Drouot, Paris, June 20th 1988
- Private collection
- Auctioned at Christie's, London, June 20th, 2006

Observations

According to the photograph provided by Corbis (image 2), the paintings"Portrait of Gala with Lobster" (cat. no. 330) and "Automatic Beginning of a Portrait of Gala" (cat. no. 309) were both part of a larger plywood panel. We guess Dalí exhibited the painting in their original form at the show held at the Pierre Colle Gallery in Paris from June 19th to 29th, 1933 (cat. no. 7) with the title "Début automatique des portraits de Gala" ("Automatic Beginning of the Portraits of Gala").

Exhibitions

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- 1983, Toulouse, Réfectoire des Jacobins, Dali à Toulouse, November 1983 January 1984, no reference
- 1989, Stuttgart, Staatsgalerie, Salvador Dalí, 1904-1989, 13/05/1989 23/07/1989, cat. no. 112

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- Estudios, Planeta, Fundación Gala-Salvador Dalí, [Barcelona], [Figueres], 2005, p. 16 (indirect image)
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Portrait of Gala

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