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Endless Enigma

Date:	1938
Technique:	Oil on canvas
Dimensions:	114.5 x 146.5 cm
Signature:	Signed and dated lower right corner: <i>Gala Salvador Dalí 1938</i>
Location:	Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid. Dalí bequest



Provenance

- Artist's collection

Exhibitions

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- 1980, London, The Tate Gallery, *Salvador Dalí*, 14/05/1980 - 29/06/1980, cat. no. 144
- 1983, Barcelona, Palau Reial de Pedralbes, *400 obres de Salvador Dalí del 1914 al 1983*, 10/06/1983 - 31/07/1983, cat. no. 170
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- 1997, Paris, Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, *Années 30 en Europe : le temps menaçant, 1929-1930*, 20/02/1997 - 25/05/1997, p. 194
- 1999, Figueres, Fundació Gala-Salvador Dalí, *Salvador Dalí : Dream of Venus*, 20/12/1999 - 28/02/2000, cat. no. 185
- 2002, North Miami, Florida, Museum of Contemporary Art, *Salvador Dalí : Dream of Venus*, 14/03/2002 - 30/06/2002, cat. no. 185
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