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Ballet. The Seven Lively ArtsMetamorphosed Women

Date: 1957

Technique: Oil on canvas

Dimensions: 72 x 92 cm

Signature: Signed and dated lower right: Dalí / 1957

Location: Private collection, Switzerland



Provenance

- Billy Rose, New York
- Georges Farkas
- Alex Maguy, Paris
- Private collection
- Auctioned at Christie's, London, February 6th, 2006

Observations

One of the series of seven compositions for "The Seven Lively Arts" commissioned by Billy Rose to decorate the Ziegfeld Theater — in this case, the theme is ballet. The original seven paintings depicted the arts of radio, concert, ballet, opera, boogie-woogie, cinema and theatre. When they were destroyed in a fire at Billy Rose's house, the artist agreed to recreate the seven paintings (see catalogue number 549, 588-593).

Exhibitions

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- 1973, Paris, Alex Maguy. Galerie de l'Elysée, *Alex Maguy présente 7 tableaux de Dalí*, 15/05/1973 08/06/1973, no reference
- 1984, Ferrara, Palazzo dei Diamanti, I Dalì di Salvador Dalì, 01/07/1984 30/09/1984, cat. no. 36
- 1991, Tokyo, Mitsukoshi Museum of Art, Dalí exhibition, 10/10/1991 17/11/1991, cat. no. 59

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