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## ***Sports. The Seven Lively Arts***

### **Celestial Ride**

**Date:** c.1957  
**Technique:** Oil on canvas  
**Dimensions:** 188 x 84 cm



**Signature:** Signed lower left: *S / DALI*

**Location:** Private collection



## Provenance

- Billy Rose, New York
- Georges Farkas, New York
- Alex Maguy, Paris
- French private collection
- Auctioned at Christie's, London, February 4th, 2002
- Suiss private collection
- Auctioned at Christie's, London, June 23rd, 2010
- Private collection
- Auctioned at Christie's, London, June 23rd, 2015

## 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 sports. 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 numbers 549, 588-593).

## Exhibitions

- 1962, Wallingford, Conn., The Choate School, *The Georges Farkas Collections of Old and Modern Art Masterpieces*, January - June 1962, no reference
- 1964, Hollywood Boulevard, Municipal Art Gallery, *An exhibition of drawings and paintings by Salvador Dalí*, 20/11/1964 - 20/12/1964, cat. no. 14
- 1973, Paris, Alex Maguy. Galerie de l'Elysée, *Alex Maguy présente 7 tableaux de Dalí*, 15/05/1973 - 08/06/1973, no reference

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- "36 Paintings To Be Shown At Choate. Loan Includes Work By Dali, Renoir, Rubens, Van Dyck and Van Gogh", *Register*, 18/03/1962, New Haven, Conn., n. p.
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- Montse Gisbert, *Salvador Dalí, pinta'm un somni*, Serres, Barcelona, 2003, n. p.
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