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Tragedy and Comedy. The Seven Lively Arts Bewitchment

Date:	1957
Technique:	Oil on canvas
Dimensions:	84 x 114 cm
Signature:	Signed and dated lower right corner: <i>Dalí / 1957</i>
Location:	Private collection



Provenance

- Billy Rose, New York
- Georges Farkas
- Alex Maguy
- Private collection
- Auctioned at Sotheby's, New York, November 16th, 1998
- Private collection
- French private collection
- Auctioned at Christie's, London, February 4th, 2002

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 Tragedy and Comedy. 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
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