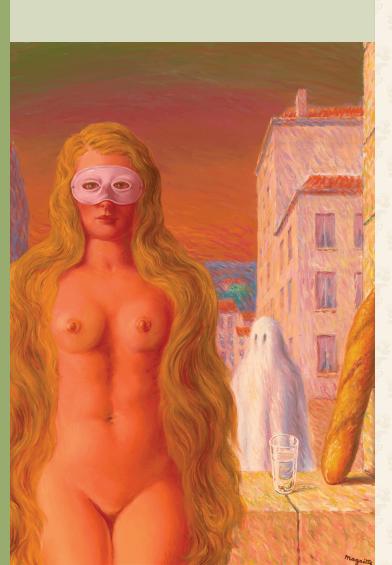
# René Magritte 1889-1967 | Belgian



Le carnaval du sage



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Oil on canvas | Painted 1947 Signed "Magritte" (lower right)

Canvas: 24 3/4" high x 19" wide | 64.13 x 48.28 cm Frame: 33 1/2" high x 27 1/2" wide x 2 5/8" deep 85.09 x 69.85 x 6.66 cm



One should not fear the sunlight because it has almost always served only to illuminate a miserable world.

- René Magritte





#### **OVERVIEW**

he enigmatic paintings of René Magritte have become some of the most familiar and celebrated of the Surrealist movement. Among the most influential of the Surrealist painters of the 20th century, Magritte is an artist of international renown, as beloved for his popular appeal as he is for the psychological intensity of his works. The present oil on canvas, entitled *Le carnaval du sage*, was executed in 1947 at the height of his career, and it is a tour-de-force example of the haunting, mysterious scenes that comprise his oeuvre.

Painted in the years following the Second World War, *Le carnaval du sage* showcases several recurring themes from Magritte's oeuvre. Chiefly, a juxtaposition between the visible and the hidden is keenly felt. Throughout his career, Magritte explores the psychological obsession with revealing what is hidden, particularly with regard to the human face. In his *Le fils de l'homme*, he obscures the face of a man in a bowler hat with an apple, while his *Les amants* (Metropolitan Museum of Art) conceals the faces of two lovers with white sheets. In *Le carnaval du sage*, Magritte juxtaposes the blatant nudity of his central figure by masking her face, simultaneously revealing and concealing her from the viewer.

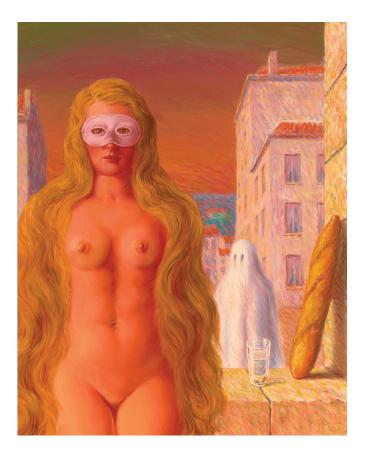
The work also incorporates two of Magritte's most common tropes – the glass of water and the baguette. Lending the scene a strange sense of domesticity, they appear infinitely familiar and distinctly out of place, and thus heighten the uncanny effect of Magritte's composition. In the background hovers a ghost obscured by a sheet, a figure which was of particular fascination to Magritte beginning in 1946. He once wrote to his fellow Surrealist Paul Nougé: "I saw in a dream an answer to the problem of the ghost: the traditional ghost draped in a sheet in a framed picture on the wall of a room." As an eerie echo of the woman in the foreground, the ghost is a fascinating and enigmatic addition to the unsettling scene.

Though firmly within the realm of Surrealism, *Le carnaval du sage* also represents the artist's brief adoption of a colorful, more painterly style. The subtle, yet sunny colors of the background of the work reveal the influence of the Impressionists on Magritte, particularly Pierre-Auguste Renoir. The figure herself is particularly Renoir-esque, evoking the burnished skin and exaggerated

warmth of Renoir's late colossal nudes.

As a whole, *Le carnaval du sage* is an undeniable masterpiece of Magritte's postwar output. The work exemplifies the tenets of the Surrealist movement, presenting ordinary objects in extraordinary situations. Thus, Magritte successfully creates a work that is both infinitely fascinating and jarring in its psychological dissonance. It is also stunningly beautiful, with its brilliant color palette and statuesque nude figure. Similar nudes can be found in the Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York) and the Art Institute of Chicago.

In the same private collection for over 70 years, the work is fresh to the market, which has recently seen a revival of interest in the artist. A new record for a work by Magritte was achieved in November 2018 when his *Le principe du plaisir* brought \$26,830,500 at Sotheby's. Just one day later, his gouache *L'Incendie* achieved a remarkable \$4,335,000; nearly half the size of the present piece, it is a far less impressive work and not nearly as striking. *Le carnaval du sage* represents a rare opportunity for the collector of 20th-century art to own a masterwork by one of the age's most important names. •



#### PROVENANCE

Robert de Keyn, Belgium, acquired from the artist in 1947

Private collection, Netherlands

M.S. Rau, New Orleans

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#### LETTER OF AUTHENTICITY

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René Magritte

"Le carnaval du sage", 1947

Signed lower right

Oil on canvas

65 x 50 cm.

Titled on the back and 1947

With many labels on the back, all authentic

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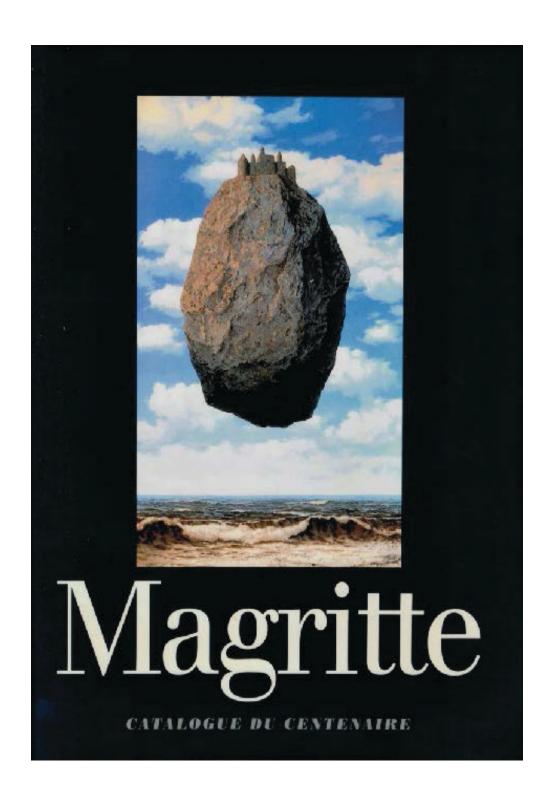
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# René Magritte

1898-1967

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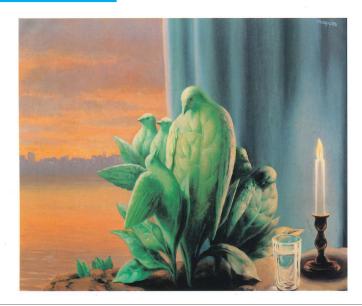
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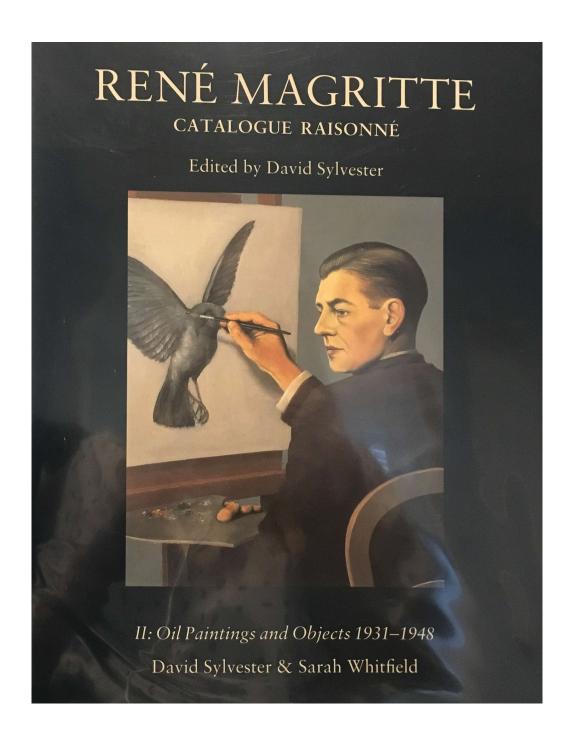
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Oil on canvas, 146 x 114
Signed bottom left: Magritte
Title and dates on reverse
Private collection, courtesy of Pace Wildenstein. cn 658



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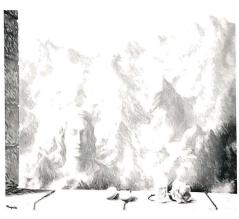
1947

View from above

oil on canvas 54×65 bottom left Magritte

canvas verso "VUE D'EN HAUT" 1947

Private collection, Milan



Dated 1947, it was described as a work in progress by Louis Quiévreux when speaking of a 'recent' visit to the studio in the course of an article published on 23 April. It was certainly completed in time to be shown on 31 May. It is another of the paintings done in the first months of 1947 which are in a sort of scaled himpercionics' scale. The feetbeary brushwork is disof residual 'impressionist' style. The feathery brushwork is dis-tinctly Renoirish, and, while the palette is not directly late-Renoirish, as that of cat. 613 is, the pervasive use of an almost sickly mauve has a similar effect to that of the latter's pink background.

The title was found by Eluard, according to Mariën.

It was purchased from Magritte early on by Jean Bourjou. It was sold at Sotheby's, London, on 21 April 1971, and in 1976 was acquired from the Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza by Marie-Louise Jeanneret, Geneva, who later sold it to the collector who owned it at the time of writing.

Examined 1978

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ILLUSTRATION

London, Sotheby's, 21 April 1971, lot 59 (col.)



#### Le carnaval du sage

1947

The sage's carnival

oil on canvas 65×50 bottom right Magritte

canvas verso "LE CARNAVAL DU SAGE" 1947

Private collection

Dated 1947 and included in the one-man show at Lou Cosyn's which opened at the end of May, it exemplifies the sort of re-sidual 'impressionist' style characteristic of the paintings done in the first few months of 1947 (47.3.2), exemplifies it mainly in its hot late-Renoiresque palette, for there is no vestige of impressionist handling in the body of the nude.

The image deals with a problem which Magritte had been toying with since at least the first months of 1946, if Marien's datings of the relevant letters to Nougé are correct. In a letter placed early in 1946, Magritte wrote: 'Vu en rêve une réponse au problème du fantôme: le fantôme traditionnel avec drap de lit est représenté dans un tableau encadré, qui est au mur d'un intérieur' / 'Saw in a dream an answer to the problem of the ghost: the traditional ghost draped in a sheet in a framed picture on the wall of a room'/, an image which he summed up as 'Insuffisant mais pas mal' / 'Not quite adequate but not bad' /. In a letter Mariën ascribes to August-September 1946 he wrote: 'Le problème du fantôme se pose toujours et est désespérant comme les autres lorsqu'ils étaient encore des problèmes' / The problem of the ghost remains unsolved and is as disheartening as the others were when they were still problems' /. The problem of the ghost is also mentioned in a letter to Mariën (Magritte Destination, no. 192) cited in 46.4.1. According to Marien, the title was found by Goemans.

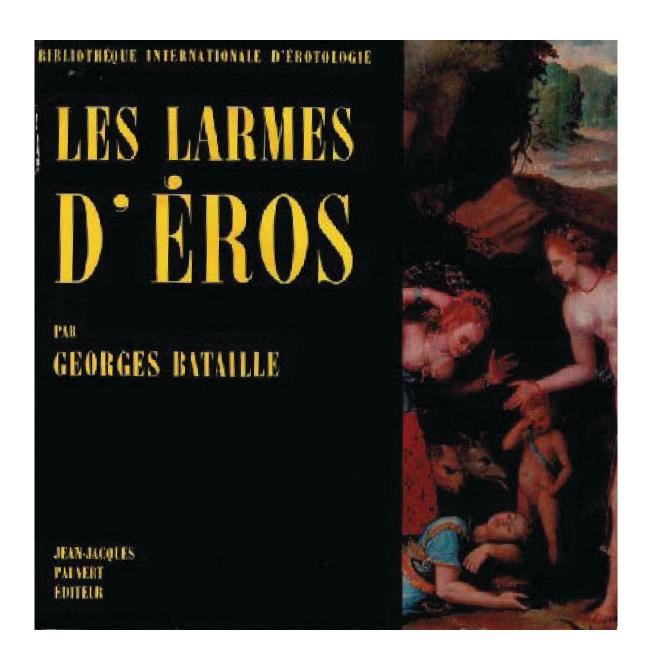
The sheeted figure in the background of the present work was as near to a solution as Magritte was to get.

It was purchased as soon as it was completed by Robert De

Keyn, Brussels.

Examined 1976

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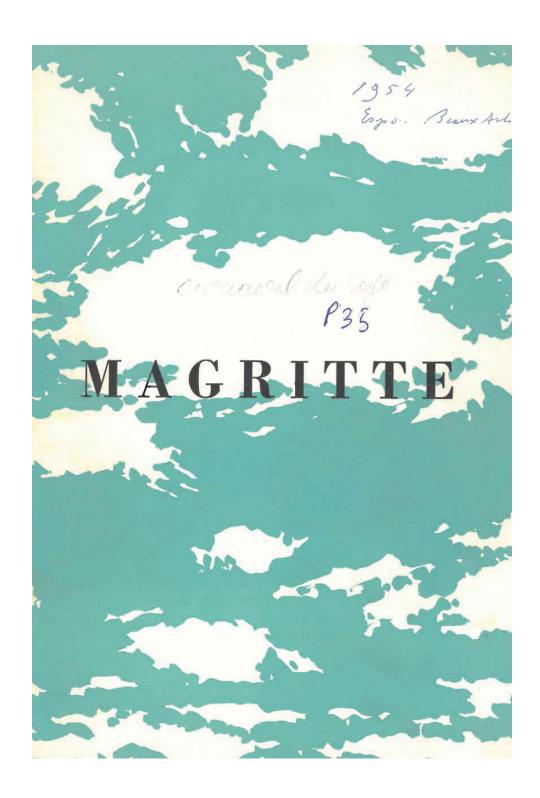
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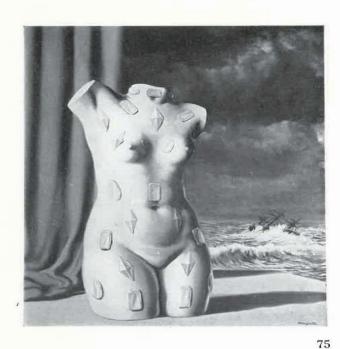
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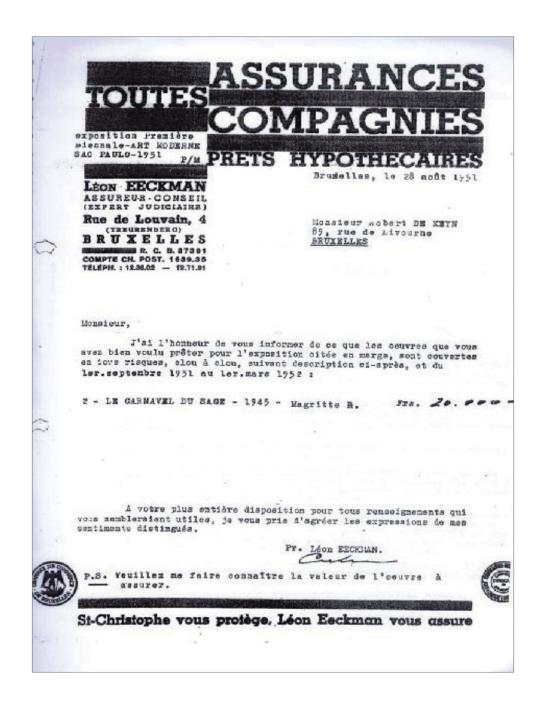
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#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The following are digitized and translated correspondences between the surrealist artist René Magritte and M. de Keyn, the proprietor of an art supply store that Magritte regularly visited. These letters offer an insightful look into Magritte's intellectual and philosophical underpinnings that inspired this exceptional work of art. Magritte's words must have been convincing, for Keyn acquired this work soon after its completion.



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LÉON-LOUIS SOSSET

Bruvelles, & 24 novembre 194:

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Monsieur René M A G R I T T E 135, rue Esseghem

JETTE

Monsieur.

La revue "L'Age Mouveau" (86, rue d'Asses - Paris VIe.)
je suis le correspondant en Belgique publiers dans son numéro
janvier prochain une étude de M. Paul Fierens sur l'Exposition art Wellon Contemporain qui doit s'ouvrir fin décembre à Paris
à lequelle vous participez, si mes informations sont exactes.

Pour illustrer cet article, la direction de la revue soul terait recevoir <u>le plus rapidement possible</u>, deux ou trois phot de vés ocuvres figurant à l'expesition.

J'ose espérer que vous voudrez bien répondre à cette dema et feire parvenir ces documents la semaine procheine au plus ta à l'adresse indiquée di-dessus et à l'attention de M. Robert Vri directeur artistique de "L'Age Nouveau".

Avec mes remerciements anticipés, agréez, Monsieur, l'assurance de mes sentiments de parfaite considération.

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A Monsieur R. DE KEYN 69, rue de Livourne

BRUXELLES . -

Cher Monsieur De Keyn,

A la demande de la Commission franco-belge pour l'Application de l'Accord Culturel, le Ministre de l'Instruction publique a bien voulu me charger de l'organisation d'une exposition de quelques artistes wallons au Musée d'Art Moderne de Paris, du 11 janvier au 12 février 1950.

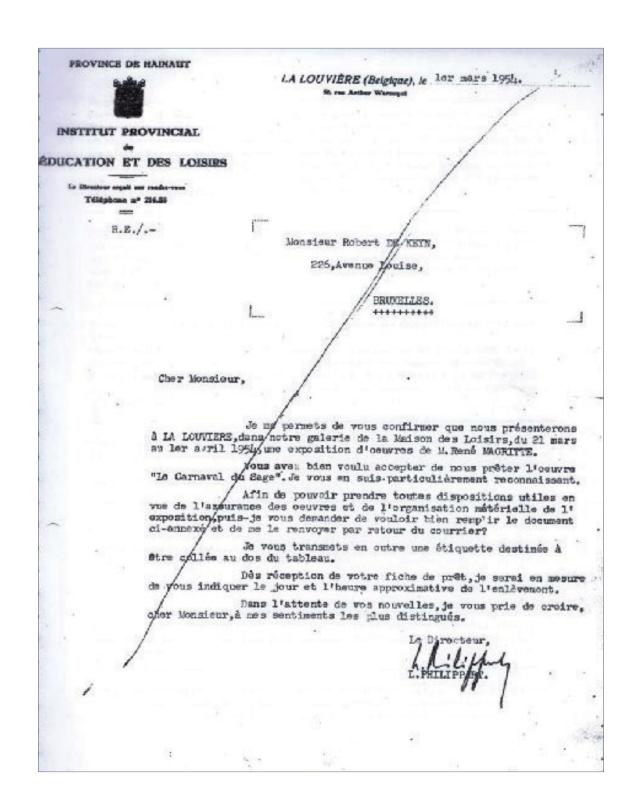
Parmi les cinq toiles de René Magritte qui ont été sélectionnées en vue de cette manifestation figure "L'Ingénue" de votre collection.

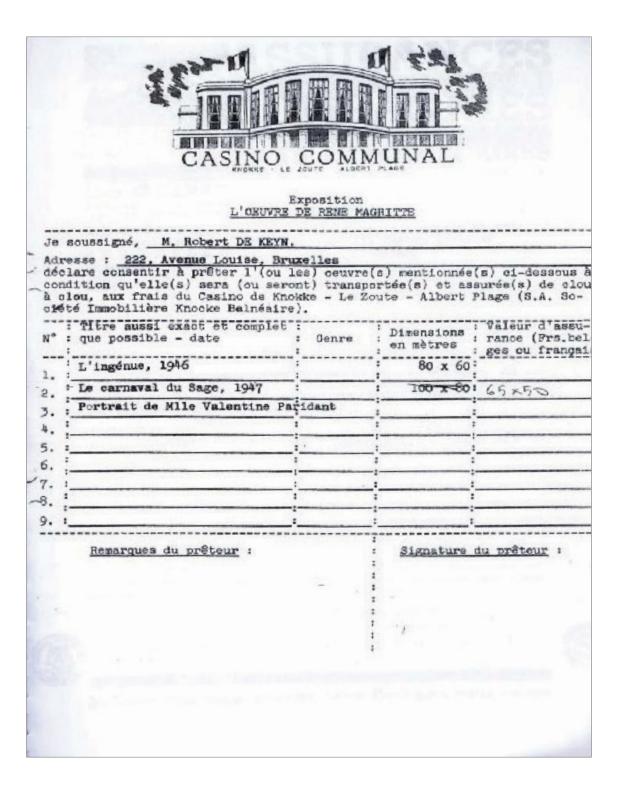
Vous plairait-il, une fois de plus, de nous céder cette ceuvre pour la durée de l'Exposition. Je sais qu'on abuse de votre complaisance, mais "L'Ingénue" constitue dans la carrière de Magritte une étape décisive.

Dans l'espoir de pouvoir compter sur votre précis concours, je me suis permis de joindre à la présente le bulletin d'adhésion se rapportant à votre seuvre.

Dans l'attente de vos bonnes nouvelles, je vous prie de me croire, Cher Monsieur De Keyn, vetre sincèremen dévoué,

> Em. LANGUI. Conseiller aux Beaux-Art





#### // P. 4

Cher Monsieur de Keyn,

A la reflexion et pour toutes sortes de raisons, je propose que l'on reproduise en couleur votre tableau "Le Carnaval du Sage" dans ma prochaine monographie.

J'en ai avise Mr Monet du Ministere de l'Instruction Publique qui s'occupe de cette question.

Les Etablissements Malvaux devront donc disposer de votre tableau pendant quelque temps (2 ou 3 semaines je pense) pour pouvoir confectionner les cliches en couleurs.

J'espere que vous serez toujours d'accord et que vous voudrez bien faire savoir aux Etablissements Malvaux (photogravure) que vous tenez le tableau a leur disposition en leur indiquant quand il vous conviendra le mieux que l'on vienne le chercher chez vous. Merci d'avance.

A bientot j'espere et croyez monsieur a mes meilleurs sentiments,

#### Magritte

#### // P. 30

Comme les autres langages, le langage pictural evoque, "en fait" sinon "en droit", le mystere.

Je veille a ne peindre – dans la mesure du possible – que des tableaux qui evoquent le mystere avec la precision et le charme necessaires a la vie de la pensee. Il semble evident que l'evocation precise et charmante du mystere consiste en des images de choses familieres, reunies ou transformees de telle sorte que cesse leur accord avec nos idees naives ou savantes.

En faisant la connaissance de ces images, nous connaissons la precision et le charme qui manquent au monde dit reel, ou elles nous apparaissaient.

#### Rene Magritte

#### // P. 1 (au bas de la lettre qui lui est adressee)

Cher Monsieur de Keyn,

Vous seriez bien aimable d'envoyer a l'adresse ci-dessus: 86 r d'assas, Paris, une photo de votre tableau "Le Carnaval du Sage" en indiquant que c'est pour illustrer l'article prochain de M Fiereux, et en inscrivant le titre de l'oeuvre et mon nom sur la photo et collection "R de Keyn".

Merci d'avance et bien a vous,

Magritte

#### // P. 4

Dear M. de Keyn,

After some thought and for all sorts of reasons, I propose that we copy your painting "Le Carnaval du Sage" in colour in my next monograph.

I have spoken about it with Mr Monet, who takes care of these matters from the Ministry of Public Instruction.

The Etablissements Malvaux will thus dispose of your painting for some time (2 or 3 weeks I believe) in order to reproduce the cliches in colour.

I hope that you will be happy with this and that you will let the Etablissements Malvaux (photo-engraving) know that the work will be at their disposal, indicating a preferred date for collection. Thank you in advance.

Until next time, and kindest regards,

Magritte

#### // P. 30

Like other languages, the pictorial language evokes, "in fact" if not "in right", the concept of mystery.

I make sure to only ever paint – to the greatest possible extent – paintings that evoke mystery with the precision and charm that are necessary to the life of thoughts. It seems evident that a clear and charming evocation of mystery consists of images of familiar things, united or transformed in such a way that their alignment with our naïve or learned ideas is interrupted.

In acquainting ourselves with these images, we learn the precision and charm that lack in the "real" world, where they have first appeared to us.

Rene Magritte

#### // P. 1 (below other letter)

Dear M. Keyn,

Would you be so kind as to send a photo of your painting "Le Carnaval du Sage" to the above address: 86 rue d'Assas, Paris, indicating that it serves to illustrate Mr Fierreux's upcoming article, and inscribing the title of the work as well as my name on the photo, and collection of "R de Keyn"?

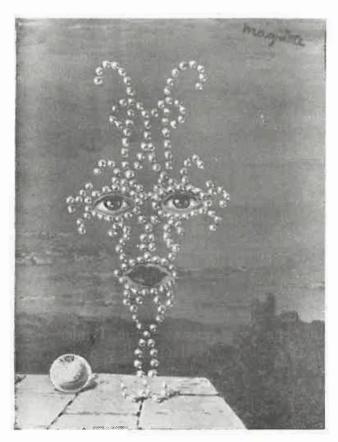
Thank you in advance and sincerely yours,

Magritte

## GALERIE LOU COSYN 21, rue de la Madeleine . Bruxelles

du 31 MAI au 21 JUIN 1947

## EXPOSITION MAGRITTE



**MAGRITTE** 

SHEHERAZADE (1947)

Supplément au nº 1 des Cahiers du Festival, 31 mai 1947

Exposition Magritte, Brussels, Galerie Lou Cosyn, 31 May – 21 June 1947



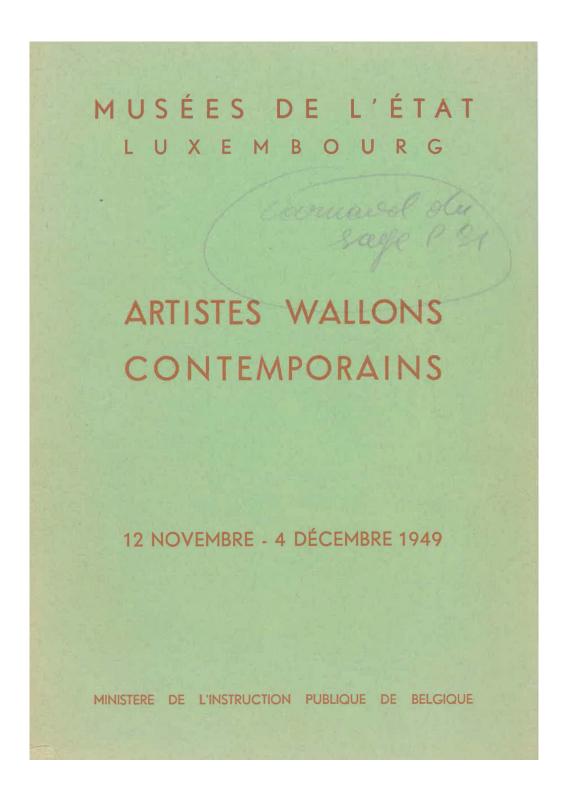
dans une gracieuse tête de cheval à superbe crinière, est plus troublant que le plus beau visage (Le Météore). Evident, qu'une pipe n'est pas une pipe. Et tout aussi évident que l'art le plus raffiné et le plus savant peut être mis en échec par un œuf de Colomb (celui, selon nous, que Magritte place si souvent dans ses toiles). D'où que l'existence de Magritte est, pour le moins, une incommodité, et que son entrée en scène peut toujours faire penser à celle du Commandeur.

Aussi bien, où les autres ne jouent qu'avec de la peinture, Magritte s'en prend à la vie, et souvent par le chemin des aspects quotidiens de la vie. Il semble chaque fois vous proposer une histoire : « Imaginez un monde où... » Sortant de là, le nôtre ne paraît plus assuré que par des coutumes, des conventions, des règles, des partis pris, des préjugés, et par une fade résignation. Et l'œuvre de Magritte est création, et Magritte est un créateur, dans le sens authentique conféré à ce mot, une fois pour toutes, par des apparitions fulgurantes comme celles de Sade et de Lautréamont.

Magritte nous présente sans cesse des êtres nouveaux. On pourrait en faire la liste, et elle serait longue, de l'arbre-bilboquet à l'oiseau-feuille, de la femme-cheval (Le Météore) à la femme-portant-queue (L'Aiguillon). L'exposition de la Galerie Lou Cosyn (21 rue de la Madeleine, du 31 mai au 21 juin), vient peupler le monde d'une figure de plus : la femme-perle, « Sheherazade », sous la forme

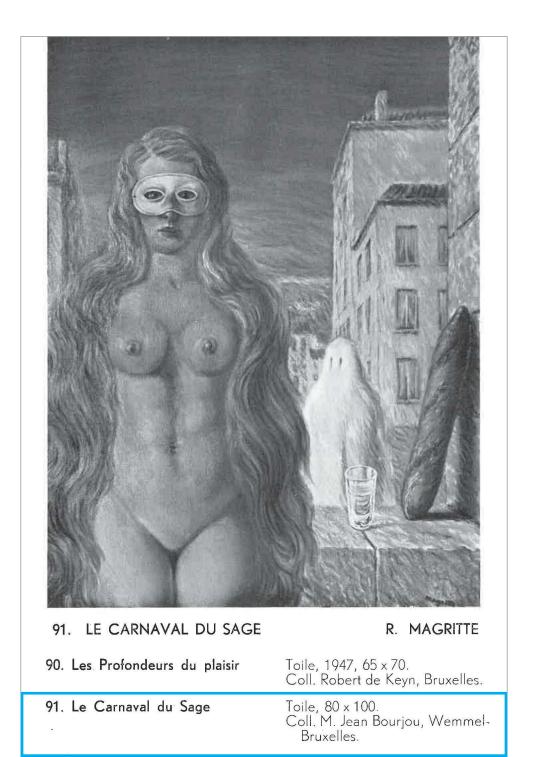
d'une impressionnante série de petits tableaux-objets. La Galerie Lou Cosyn montre, en outre, quelques toiles toutes récentes de René Magritte, « L'après-midi d'un faune », « Vue d'en-haut », « Le Lyrisme », « La terre de feu », et « Le Carnaval du Sage » où sont confrontés, dans le décor d'une ville méridionale, une femme nue portant un loup, et un fantôme masqué de ses voiles.

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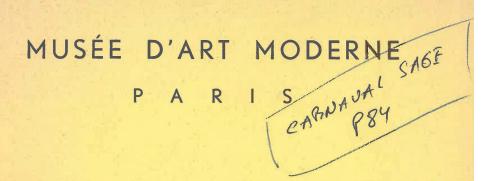


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85. LA MEMOIRE

81. La Statue volante	Toile, 1927. Bruxelles, Coll. particulière.
82. La Perspective amoureuse	Toile, 1935, 116 x 81. Bruxelles, Coll. R. Giron.
83. La Révolution	Panneau, 1934, 65 x 50. Paris, Coll. Claude Spaak.

84. Le Carnaval du Sage	Toile, 1945. 80 x 100.
	Bruxelles, Coll. R. de Keyn

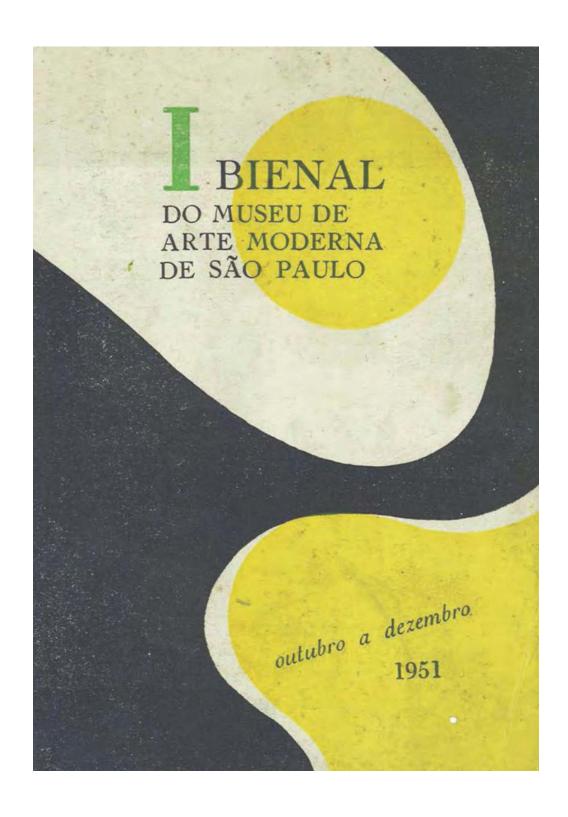
85. La Mémoire

Toile, 1948, 59 x 49.

Bruxelles, appartient à l'État Belge.

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São Paulo Biennial of Modern Art, 20 October – 23 December 1951, no. 22

- 13. As passeantes 1947. 127x183. Coleção particular, Bruxeias.
- O elogio da melancolia 1948. Painel 152x252. Coleção particular, Paris.
- O museu de osteologia 1949. Aquarela. 57x76. Coleção particular, Bruxelus

#### Jacques MAES (1905)

- 16., Natureza morta exótica 1950. 80x65 (+ moldura).
- 17. O prato de pêssegos 1950.
- 18. Mulher e flores 1950. 90x120 (+ moldura).

#### René MAGRITTE (1898)

- A perspectiva amorosa 1935. 100x80. Robert Giron, Bruxelas.
- 20. A liberdade de espírito 1948. 100x85. "Musée des Beaux-Arts", Charleroi.
- 21. O pão de cada dia. M. Van Haelen, Bruxelas.
- 22. O carnaval do sábio 1945. 80x65. Robert De Keyn, Bruxelas.

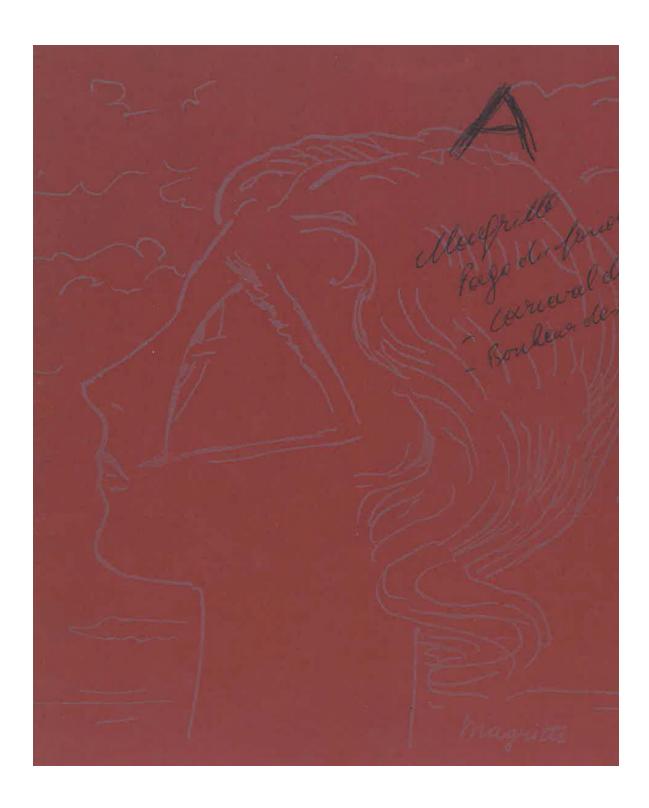
#### Antoine MARSTBOOM (1905)

- 23. Pequeno jardim. 77x92 "Musée Royal des Beaux Arts", Anvers.
- 24. Nu. 53x68. "Musée Royal des Beaux-Arts, An-
- 25. Paisagem. 81x100. Propriedade do Estado Belga.

#### Marc MENDELSON (1915)

- 26. A lanterna mágica 1950. 81x100. Propriedade do Estado Belga.
- Os músicos 1948. 195x97. Propriedade do Estado Belga.
- 28. Estatuetas no atelier 1946, 90x125. Philippe Dotremont, Bruxelas.

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*Magritte*, Brussels, Musée d'Ixelles, 19 April – 16 May 1959, no. 66

#### **EXHIBITED**

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53	image à la fenêtre	1942	huile	65 x 80	appartenant à Raymond Magritte
54	le pain quotidien	1942	huile	70 x 95	collection J. Van Haelen
55	portrait	1942	huile	100 x 80	appartenant à M <sup>me</sup> E. J. Solvay
56	le retour de flamme	1943	huile	60 x 50	collection E. Langui
57	l'île au trésor	1943	huile	80 x 60	collection Jean Van Parys
58	le sourire	1943	huile	65 x 54	collection Jean Scutenaire
59	le drapeau noir	1943	gouache	50 x 35	collection A. Van Loock
60	le bonheur des images	1944	huile	130 x 0,97	collection Rob. de Keyn
61	le principe d'incertitude	1944	huile	51 x 65	collection Lou Cosyn
62	bouteille peinte	1944	huile		collection M <sup>me</sup> Berger
63	l'utopie	1945	huile	80 x 60	collection Justin Rakofsky
64	le civilisateur	1945	huile	50 x 65	collection Jean Van Parys
65	variante de la tristesse	1945	huile	50 x 60	appartenant à l'auteur
66	carnaval du sage	1947	huile	65 x 50	collection Rob. de Keyn
67	vue d'en haut	1947	huile	65 x 54	collection J. Bourjou
68	les profondeurs du plaisir	1947	huile	100 x 0,80	collection J. Bourjou
69	le cicérone	1947	huile	65 x 45	appartenant à l'auteur
70	la mémoire	1948	huile	59 x 49	oppartenant à l'Etat
71	la liberté de l'esprit	1948	huile		appart. à Musée des BArts, Charleroi.
72	le cicérone	1948	huile	60 x 50	collection Docteur Paul Wiringer
73	la goutte d'eau	1948	huile	61 x 74	collection Lou Cosyn
74	perspective (M <sup>me</sup> Récamier de David)	1950	huile	80 x 60	collection J. Van Parys
75	l'art de la conversation	1950	huile	70 x 92	collection H. Robiliart
76	les fleurs du mai	1950	huile	80 x 60	collection M <sup>me</sup> Berger
77	Anne-Judith	1952	huile	46 x 38	collection A. Van Loock
78	la main heureuse	1953	huile	65 x 50	collection M <sup>me</sup> Berger
79	condition humaine (II)	1953	huile	100 x 73	appartenant à M <sup>me</sup> E. Happé-Lorge
80	Golconde	1953	gouache	23 x 20	collection Jean Scutenaire
81	l'univers mental	1954	huile	50 x 73	appartenant à M. Raymond Magritte
82	l'explication	1954	huile	80 x 60	appartenant à M. W. Van Hove

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1943	56. La plaine de l'air. * (p. 63)	74 x 99
	57. La cinquième saison.	60 x 50 - (Coll. privée).
	58. L'incendie.	65 x 54 - (Coll. privée).
	59. Le premier jour. * (p. 75)	60 x 55 - (Coll. privée).
	6o. Le promeneur.	60 x 73 - (Coll. privée).
	61. La Gorgone.	65 x 54 - (Coll. De Knop).
	62. Le sourire.	65 x 55 - (Coll. privée).
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	64. L'éclair.	55 x 45 - (Coll. Mme Berger).
	65. Image à la fenêtre.	80 x 60 - (Coll. Raymond Magritte).
	66. La moisson.	80 x 60 - (Coll. privée).
	67. La leçon d'esthétique.	80 x 65
1945	68. La bonne fortune.	80 x 60 - (Coll. privée).
	69. Les rencontres naturelles.	65 x 80 - (Coll. privée).
	70. L'ingénue.	60x 80 - (Coll. privée).
1946	71. Le somnambule.	65 x 55 - (Coll. privée).
	72. L'âge du plaisir.	80 x 60 - (Coll. Bourjou).
1947	73. Le montagnard.	50 x 73 - (Coll. De Knop).
	74. Le psychologue.	65 x 54 - (Coll. De Knop).
	75. Le mal de mer.	55 x 66 - (Coll. De Knop).
	76. L'étoupillon.	72 x 50 - (Coll. De Knop).
	77. Portrait de J.P.	45 x 55 - (Coll. Bourjou).
	78. Portrait de Janine.	45 x 55 - (Coll. Bourjou).
	79. La voix du sang.	55 x 65 - (Coll. Raymond Magritte).
	80. Les grands rendez-vous.	55 x 65 - (Coll. Raymond Magritte).
	81. Le carnaval du sage.	65 x 50 - (Coll. privée).
	82. Le colloque sentimental II.	50 x 60 - (Coll. Komkomer).
	83. Vu d'en haut.	65 x 55 - (Coll. Bourjou).
	84. Les profondeurs du plaisir.	100 x 80 - (Coll. Bourjou).
1948	85. La famine.	55 x 45 - (Coll. privée).
	86. La part du feu.	65 x 55 - (Coll. privée).
	87. Lola de Valence.	100 x 60 - (Coll. privée).
	88. La vie des insectes.	100 x 80 - (Coll. privée).
	8g. L'étape.	53 x 40 - (Coll. De Knop).
	90. Le galet.	100 x 80 - (Coll. privée).
	91. Jean-Marie.	55 x 46 - (Coll. Mme Berger).
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	92. L'ellipse.	75 x 50 - (Coll. privée).
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	Cat. Rais.	Sarah Whitfield and Michael Raeburn; David Sylvester
	Misc.	Signed
	Sale of	Sotheby's New York: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 [Lot 00003] The Mo Ostin Collection Evening Auction
	Estimate	35,000,000 - 55,000,000 USD
	Sold For	42,273,000 USD Premium
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AL .	Year of Work	1937
	Size	Height 28.7 in.; Width 21.5 in. / Height 73 cm.; Width 54.5 cm.
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	Title	Le Domaine d'Arnheim
	Description	Lot 9Lot 9Lot DetailsRené Magritte1898 - 1967Le Domaine d'Arnheim
	Medium	oil on canvas
	Year of Work	1949
	Size	Height 39.3 in.; Width 32 in. / Height 99.7 cm.; Width 81.3 cm.
	Cat. Rais.	Sarah Whitfield and Michael Raeburn; David Sylvester
	Misc.	Signed
	Sale of	Sotheby's New York: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 [Lot 00009] The Mo Ostin Collection Evening Auction
	Estimate	15,000,000 - 25,000,000 USD
	Sold For	18,948,300 USD Premium

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#### **MUSEUM COMPARABLES**

## René Magritte | The White Race

1937

Medium: Oil on canvas

**Dimensions:**  $31^{7/8}$  x  $23^{5/8}$  inches | 81 x 60 cm





Art Institute of Chicago Chicago, IL, United States

## René Magritte | Black Magic

1945

**Medium:** Oil on canvas

**Dimensions:** 31<sup>1/8</sup> x 22<sup>5/8</sup> inches | 79 x 59 cm



Musées royaux des Beaux-Arts de Belgique

Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium Brussels, Belgium

### René Magritte | Les valeurs personnelles

1952

**Medium:** Oil on canvas

**Dimensions:**  $31^{1/2} \times 39^{3/8}$  inches | 80.01 x 100.01 cm





San Francisco Museum of Modern Art San Francisco, CA, United States

## René Magritte | Le viol

1945

**Medium:** Oil on canvas

**Dimensions:**  $25^{1/2}$  x  $19^{3/4}$  inches | 65.3 x 50.4 cm



Centre Pompidou



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## René Magritte | *The False Mirror*

1929

Medium: Oil on canvas

**Dimensions:**  $21^{1/4}$  x  $31^{7/8}$  inches | 54 x 80.9 cm





## René Magritte | The Eternally Obvious

1948

**Medium:** Oil on canvas mounted on board **Dimensions:** 78 x 24 inches | 198.1 x 61 cm





Metropolitan Museum of Art New York, United States

