

PABLO PICASSO Tete de Femme

(Dora Maar)

PABLO PICASSO, Spanish (1881-1973)
Tête de Femme (Dora Maar)
1939
Oil on canvas
25 1/2 x 21 1/4 in (65 x 54 cm.)
Signed and dated 'Picasso, 26/10/1939' lower left

PROVENANCE:

Galerie Simon, Paris
Galerie Louise Leiris, Paris
Buchholz Gallery (Curt Valentin), New York.
Justn K. Tannhauser, New York.
Mrs. Anne Burnett Tandy, Fort Worth.
Anon. sale. Sotheby's London, 27 June 1989, Lot 64.
Galerie Beyeler, Basel.
Private Collection, Geneva.
Acquired from the above.

EXHIBITIONS:

Madrid, Spain, Fundación Mapfre, Picasso's Studio, 10 February-11 May 2014. Venice, Italy, Palazzo Fortuny Museum, Dora Maar, 8 March-14 July 2014. Sapporo, Japan, Hokkaido Museum of Modern Art, Exhibition From Swiss Private Collections, coordinated by Ernst Beyeler, 17 May-16 June 1996; this exhibition later traveled to Nagasaki, Huis ten Bosch Museum of Art, June- August 1996; Kyoto, Municipal Museum of Art, 20 August-29 September 1996; Tokyo, Mitsukoshi Museum of Art, 5 October-24 November 1996. Basel, Switzerland, Galerie Beyeler, Homage to Francis Bacon, June-September 1992 (ill. in color). Basel, Switzerland, Galerie Beveler, L'Eternal Feminine, November 1989- January 1990, no. 51 (ill. in color). Dallas, Dallas, Fort Worth Center Museum, Pablo Picasso: A Retrospective Exhibition, 8 February-26 March, 1967, no. 62, p. 66 (ill.) the exhibition later traveled to Dallas, Dallas Museum of Fine Arts.

LITERATURE:

Picasso, Pablo, Steven A. Nash, Robert Rosenblum, and Brigitte Baer, Picasso and the War Years, 1937-1945.

New York, N.Y: Thames and Hudson, 1998. p. 116 (illustrated: interior Galerie Leiris).

Alan Wofsy, The Picasso Project Europe at War 1939-1940. San Francisco, 1998, no. 39-314, p. 54 (illustrated).

Exhibition From Swiss Private Collections, Sapporo, Japan: Hokkaido Museum of Modern Art, 1996, no. 13, p. 42-43 (illustrated in color).

Homage to Francis Bacon. Basel, Switzerland: Galerie Beyeler, 1992, no. 44 (illustrated in color).

Janis, Harriet G. and Sidney Janis. Picasso, the Recent Years, 1939-1946. Garden City, New York: Doubleday & Co, 1947. (illustrated in color, p. 14; also illustrated, p. 55: interior of Galerie Leiris).

Christian Zervos, Pablo Picasso, Vol. IX, Oeuvres de 1937 à 1939.

Paris: Editions Cashier D'Art, 1973, no. 364, p. 170 (illustrated).

CERTIFICATE:

Certificate of authenticity by Maya Widmaier-Picasso; 26 June 2007.









Condition report for works of art

1. Identification:

Artist : PABLO PICASSO	Signed / dated : signed and dated lower left :
	« Picasso 26.10.39 »
Title : « Tête de femme (Dora Maar) »	RefRH: -
Date: 1939	Exhibition: -
Technique : oil on canvas	Date and place of condition report:
_	Geneva, July 8th 2011
Dimensions: 65 x 54 cm	Annexe: 1 photo with notes

2. State of conservation:

The painting has been examined under day-light and under UV-light.

The painting is in very good condition. There aren't any retouchings visible under UVlight.

Stretcher and mounting: it's wooden stretcher, with keys, and a horizontal support list. It's solid, of good quality and in good condition.

The painting is nailed on the stretcher. The edges are covered with paper tapes.

The back of the painting is protected by a cardboard. Several labels from galleries and exhibitions had been taken off the stretcher and the frame and they have been fixed on a separate smaller cardboard. The certificate of authenticity, signed by Maya Picasso, is also fixed in a transparent envelope on the cardboard.

Support: the support is a linen canvas, quite thick and solid. There are some stains coming from the glue which are visible on the back of the painting.

The reason for the relining is probably preventive, as the original support doesn't show any damages, as holes or tears.

Paint layer: the paint layer is in very good condition. It's thick, with important impasti and the brush strokes are clearly visible. The background, especially in the white areas, shows large technical craquelures. They are original and done on purpose by the artist. There are some tiny losses.

Varnish: the painting is not varnished.



Exam under UV-light: there aren't any retouchings visible under UV-light.

For Atelier Arte

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P. Picasso, Tête de femme, oil on canvas



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