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### **Cat. no. P 463**

## ***Debris of an automobile giving birth to a blind horse biting a telephone***

<b>Date:</b>	1938
<b>Technique:</b>	Oil on canvas
<b>Dimensions:</b>	54.5 x 65.1 cm
<b>Signature:</b>	Signed and dated upper left: <i>Gala Salvador Dali 1938</i>
<b>Location:</b>	The Museum of Modern Art, New York. James Thrall Soby Bequest, 1979



## Provenance

- James Thrall Soby, Farmington (Connecticut)

## Exhibitions

- 1939, New York, Julien Levy Gallery, *Salvador Dali 1939*, 21/03/1939 - 18/04/1939, cat. no. 1
- 1941, New York, The Museum of Modern Art, *Salvador Dalí*, 19/11/1941 - 11/01/1942, cat. no. 39
- 1942, Indianapolis, The John Herron Art Institute (Indianapolis Museum of Art), *[Exhibition of paintings by Salvador Dalí]*, 05/04/1942 - 04/05/1942, cat. no. 39
- 1943, Detroit, Detroit Institute of Arts, *Exhibition of paintings by Salvador Dali*, 15/03/1943 - 12/04/1943, no reference
- 1946, Boston, The Institute of Modern Art, *Four Spaniards : Dali, Gris, Miro, Picasso*, 24/01/1946 - 03/03/1946, cat. no. 11
- 1953, New York, Schaeffer Galleries, *Contemporary Spanish Paintings*, 20/01/1953 - 07/02/1953, cat. no. 1
- 1958, Southampton, Long Island, New York, The Parrish Art Museum, *Dalí : second collection of jewels, Sacre Coeur de Jesus, paintings-sketches*, 01/08/1958 - 21/08/1958, cat. no. 26
- 1960, New York, The Finch College Art Gallery and Museum, *Paintings, drawings and watercolors of Salvador Dali*, 23/05/1960 - 18/06/1960, cat. no. 8
- 1965, New York, Gallery of Modern Art, *Salvador Dalí, 1910-1965*, 18/12/1965 - 28/02/1966, cat. no. 91
- 1970, Rotterdam, Museum Boymans-van Beuningen, *Dalí*, 21/11/1970 - 10/01/1971, cat. no. 68
- 1980, London, The Tate Gallery, *Salvador Dalí*, 14/05/1980 - 29/06/1980, cat. no. 162
- 1983, Barcelona, Palau Reial de Pedralbes, *400 obres de Salvador Dalí del 1914 al 1983*, 10/06/1983 - 31/07/1983, cat. no. 183
- 1989, Stuttgart, Staatsgalerie, *Salvador Dalí, 1904-1989*, 13/05/1989 - 23/07/1989, cat. no. 210
- 1990, Montréal, Musée des Beaux-Arts, *Salvador Dalí*, 27/04/1990 - 29/07/1990, cat. no. 54
- 1998, Liverpool, Tate Gallery Liverpool, *Salvador Dalí: a mythology*, 21/10/1998 - 31/01/1999, cat. no. 35
- 2004, Barcelona, CaixaForum, *Dalí. Cultura de masses*, 05/02/2004 - 23/05/2004, cat. no. 9
- 2010, Atlanta, High Museum of Art, *Salvador Dalí: The late work*, 07/07/2010 - 09/02/2011, cat. no. 6

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- Manuel del Arco, *Salvador Dalí, Dalí al desnudo*, José Janés, Barcelona, 1952, p. 65 (detail)
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