Cat. no. OE 22

Untitled. Window display for the exhibition «Salvador Dali 42 eaux-fortes et 30 dessins pour Les Chants de Maldoror»

Unique Original Work - Installation

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Date: 1934
Technique: Unknown
Dimensions: Unknown
Location: Lost / Ephemeral work
Description

Dalí was involved in the creation of this window display for the Librairie Les Quatre Chemins in Paris, on the occasion of the exhibition Salvador Dalí 42 eaux-fortes et 30 dessins pour Les Chants de Maldoror. On the back of a photograph of the display conserved in the archive of the Centre for Dalinian Studies is Dalí’s handwritten note: ‘Vitrine for the exhibition of Les Chants de Maldoror which we have been forced to remove, for aesthetic reasons and because the public was crowding round and interrupting circulation. The legs of the chair were submerged, one in a shoe, another in a glass containing milk, another in another glass containing urine, and another in another glass containing blood. In the centre of the chair there is a raw steak’. In addition to this last Dalinian Surrealist object, of note among the other items in this window display were two photographs of Dalí and Gala by Man Ray and various books, including Dalí’s Babaouo and André Breton’s Les pas perdus and Le revolver à cheveux blancs, among others.

Exhibitions

- 1934, Paris, Quatre Chemins, Salvador Dalí, 42 eaux-fortes et 30 dessins pour “Les Chants de Maldoror”, 13/06/1934 - 25/06/1934, not included in catalogue

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