





A dark, textured, horizontal band with a grainy, stippled appearance. The text "ALL IN THIS TOGETHER" is centered in white, uppercase letters.

ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

*we are the product not only of our own choices  
but of the sounds, sights, and especially  
the people we have encountered along the way. . .  
whoever they are, they have marked a life.*

Excerpt from *Between Lives* p. 7

# DOROTHEA TANNING & FRIENDS

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SOME ASPECTS OF AN EPOCH IN MODERN ART  
AND THE ARTISTS WHO COMPOSED THEM

THEY ARE



HANS (JEAN) ARP  
GEORGE BALANCHINE  
ALEXANDER CALDER  
HENRI CARTIER-BRESSON  
WILLIAM COPLEY  
JOSEPH CORNELL  
MERCÉ CUNNINGHAM  
MARCEL DUCHAMP  
MAX ERNST  
LEONOR FINI  
ALBERTO GIACOMETTI  
RENE MAGRITTE  
MAN RAY  
MATTA  
LEE MILLER  
JOAN MIRO  
ROBERT MOTHERWELL  
MERET OPPENHEIM  
IRVING PENN  
KAY SAGE  
YVES TANGUY

*Our life is no dream;  
but it ought to become one,  
and perhaps will.*

Excerpt from *Phantastes, Lilith, The Portent*  
by Frederick von Hardenburg  
(Novalis) 1772 - 1801

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# THE EXHIBITION

**MARCEL DUCHAMP** (b. 1887 – d. 1968)

*Obligation Monte Carlo*

*Monte Carlo Bond*, 1924-1938

Imitated Rectified Readymade, Printed in offset color lithography

Made for XXe Siècle (Paris), no. 4 (Christmas 1938)

12 5/8 x 9 1/16 in. / 32.1 x 23 cm.

Signed in the stone, not hand-signed

#### NOTES

For this work, Duchamp devised a personal version of a standard bond, mounting a Man Ray photograph of himself, his head wreathed in soapsuds, onto a reproduction of a roulette wheel. At the top he printed continuously, in several lines, the following pun: moustiques domestiques demistock (“domestic mosquitoes half stock”).

Extracts from the Company Statues:

Clause No. 1 The aims of the Company are:

1. Exploitation of roulette in Monte Carlo under the conditions stated below.
2. Exploitation of Trente-et-Quarante and other mines on the Cote d’Azur, as the Board of Directors may decide.

Clause no. 2 Annual income is derived from a cumulative (a montante) system, which is experimentally based on one hundred thousand throws of the ball: the system is the exclusive property of the board of Directors.

The application of the system to simple chance is such that a dividend of 20 per cent can be declared.

Clause No. 3 The company shall be entitled, if the shareholders should so declare, to buy back all or part of the shares issued, not later than one month after the date of the decision.

Clause No. 4 Payment of dividends shall take place on March 1 each year, or on a six-monthly basis, as the shareholders shall decide.

A parody of a financial document in a system for playing roulette, this Readymade revolves around the idea of monetary transactions. Giving himself the position of Administrator, Marcel Duchamp conceived of a joint stock company designed to raise 15,000 francs and thus “break the bank in Monte Carlo.” It was to be divided into 30 numbered bonds for which Duchamp asked 500 francs each. However, less than eight originals were actually assembled.

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*Monte Carlo*



**ROULETTE DE MONTE CARLO**

EMPRUNT DE QUINZE MILLE FRANCS 20%  
EMISSIION DE OBLIGATIONS DE CINQ CENTS FRANCS  
N° 12

**OBLIGATION DE CINQ CENTS FRANCS  
AU PORTEUR 20%**



N° 12



*Emmanuel de Broque*

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ROYAUME DE MONTE-CARLO  
LE 15 JANVIER 1904

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**KAY SAGE** (b. 1898 – d. 1976)

*Untitled (Italian Landscape)*, 1925-30

Oil on canvas

20 x 26 in. / 50.8 x 66 cm.

Signed lower left: “KS”

Isidore Ducasse Fine Arts

EXHIBITED

*Kay Sage, 1898-1963*. Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 2007

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**MARCEL DUCHAMP** (1887- 1968)

*La Mariée mise à nu par ses célibataires même (Boîte verte)*

*The Bride Stripped Bare by Her Bachelors, Even (The Green Box)*

Published by Edition Rrose Selavy, 18 rue de la Paix, Paris, September 1934

Embossed on spine inside the box: *cette boîte no.238/ doit contenir 93 documents*

Box size: 13 1/16 x 11 x 1 in. / 33.2 x 27.9 x 2.5 cm.

“*The Green Box* contains, as mentioned inside on the spine, 94 photos, drawings, and manuscript notes that were used by Duchamp in the elaboration of the Large Glass. Printing was limited to 320 Roman Numeral copies, including 300 copies numbered 1/300 to 300/300 and 20 copies [the deluxe edition] numbered 1/xx to xx/xx. All the cases are signed in red pencil, on the spine, inside: *Marcel Duchamp Paris 1934.*”

Arturo Schwarz, *The Complete Works of Marcel Duchamp*, p. 901

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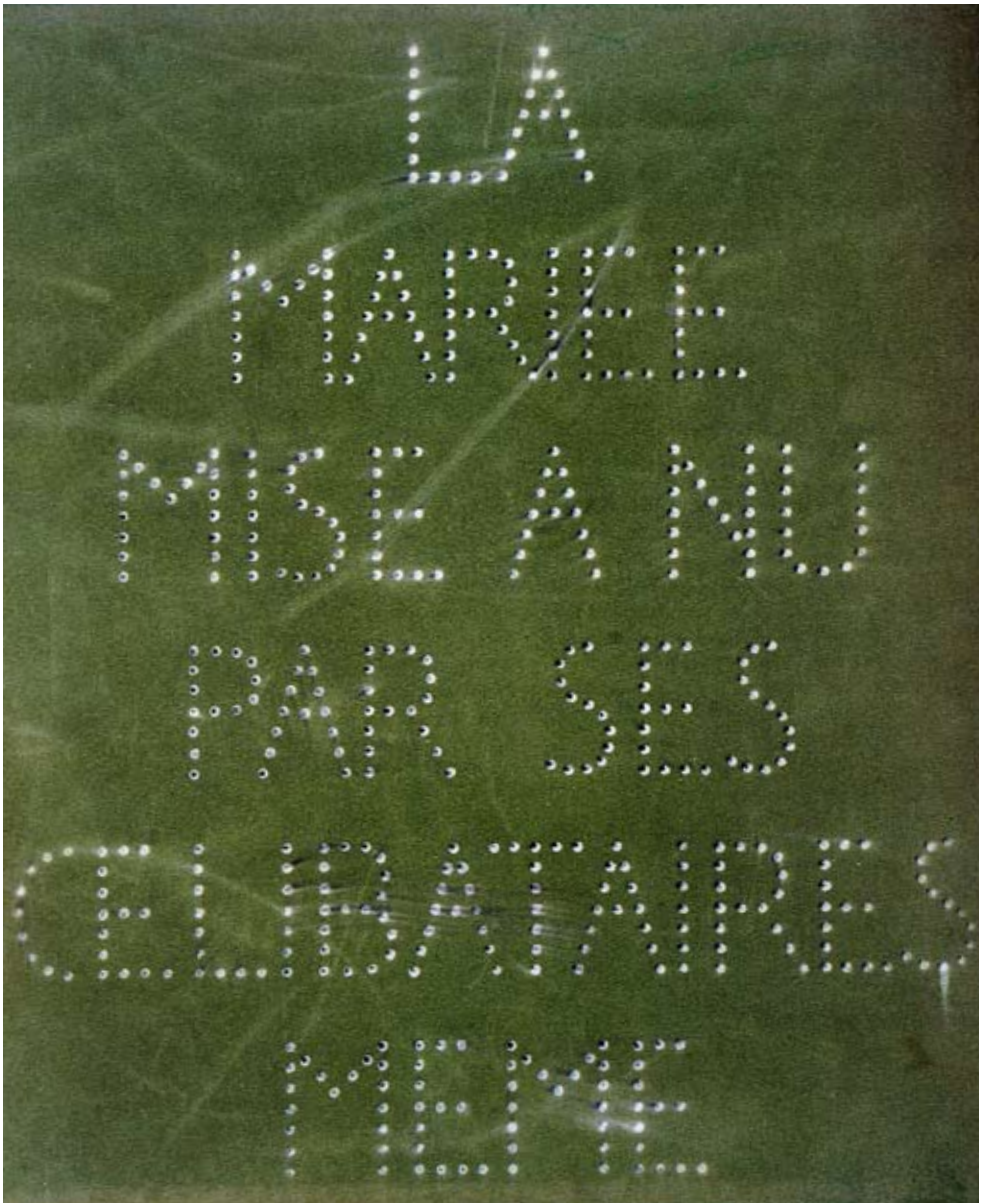
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**HANS (JEAN) ARP** (b. 1886 – d. 1966)

*Sciure de Gamme*, 1921 - 1937

Book, nails, wood, and glass

16 1/8 x 13 1/2 x 3 1/4 in. / 41 x 34.3 x 8.2 cm.

PROVENANCE

Gift to Max Ernst

Dorothea Tanning

NOTES

Hans Arp and Max Ernst first met in Cologne in 1914; they would become early collaborators and lifelong friends. After co-founding the Zurich Dada movement in 1916, Arp moved to Cologne, where he, Ernst, and Johannes Baargeld founded the Cologne Dada group in 1919. There Arp and Ernst collaborated on a series of assemblage paintings, which they titled *Fatagaga (Fabrications de tableaux garantis géométriques)*. In 1921 the two summered in the Tyrol along with Paul Eluard and Tristan Tzara, where the group put together *Dada in Tirol au grand air*, no. 8 of the review *Dada*, published in Paris in 1921 with the fictitious date of September 16, 1886 — Arp's birthday. *Sciure de Gamme* dates from these early years of Dada. Later, in 1938, Arp would use the title for one of his first collections of poetry.

Soon after it was made, Arp gave *Sciure de Gamme* to Ernst. The piece was among the few things Ernst brought with him when in 1942 he moved into Dorothea Tanning's apartment on 58th Street in New York.

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VINGTIEME GAMME

# SCIURE DE GAMME

Vingtieme Edition.

EDITIONS DE LA  
VINGTIEME EDITION  
20 Rue de la Gamme 20  
PARIS  
1900

**LEONOR FINI** (b. 1908 – d. 1996)

*Europa*, 1939

Oil on canvas

9 7/16 x 7 7/16 in. / 24 x 18.8 cm.

Signed lower right: “Leonor Fini”

Isidore Ducasse Fine Arts

PROVENANCE

Collection of the Artist

Private Collection

EXHIBITED

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**DOROTHEA TANNING** (b. 1910)

*Moeurs Espagnoles*, 1943

Oil on canvas

10 x 8 in. / 25.4 x 20.3 cm.

Rosalind & Melvin Jacobs Collection, New York

PROVENANCE

Gift of the Artist

William Copley

EXHIBITED

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**DOROTHEA TANNING** (b. 1910)

*Sunflower Landscape*, 1943

Oil on canvas

14 x 11 in. / 35.6 x 28 cm.

Signed and dated lower right: "D. Tanning '43"

Private Collection

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**DOROTHEA TANNING** (b. 1910)

*Self-Portrait*, 1944

Oil on canvas

24 x 30 in. / 61 x 76.2 cm.

Signed and dated lower right: "Dorothea Tanning '44"

Collection of the Artist

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**DOROTHEA TANNING** (b. 1910)

*Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo*, 1945

Cover for the souvenir program of the 1945-1946 season

Watercolor on board

Image size: 13 1/4 x 10 1/8 in. / 33.6 x 25.7 cm.

Paper size: 19 x 15 1/8 in. / 48.3 x 38.4 cm.

Signed lower right: "Dorothea Tanning"

Courtesy Gallery of Surrealism, New York

PROVENANCE

*Dance, Theatre, Opera: Costume and Decor Designs, Sculpture Photographs and Books.*

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LITERATURE

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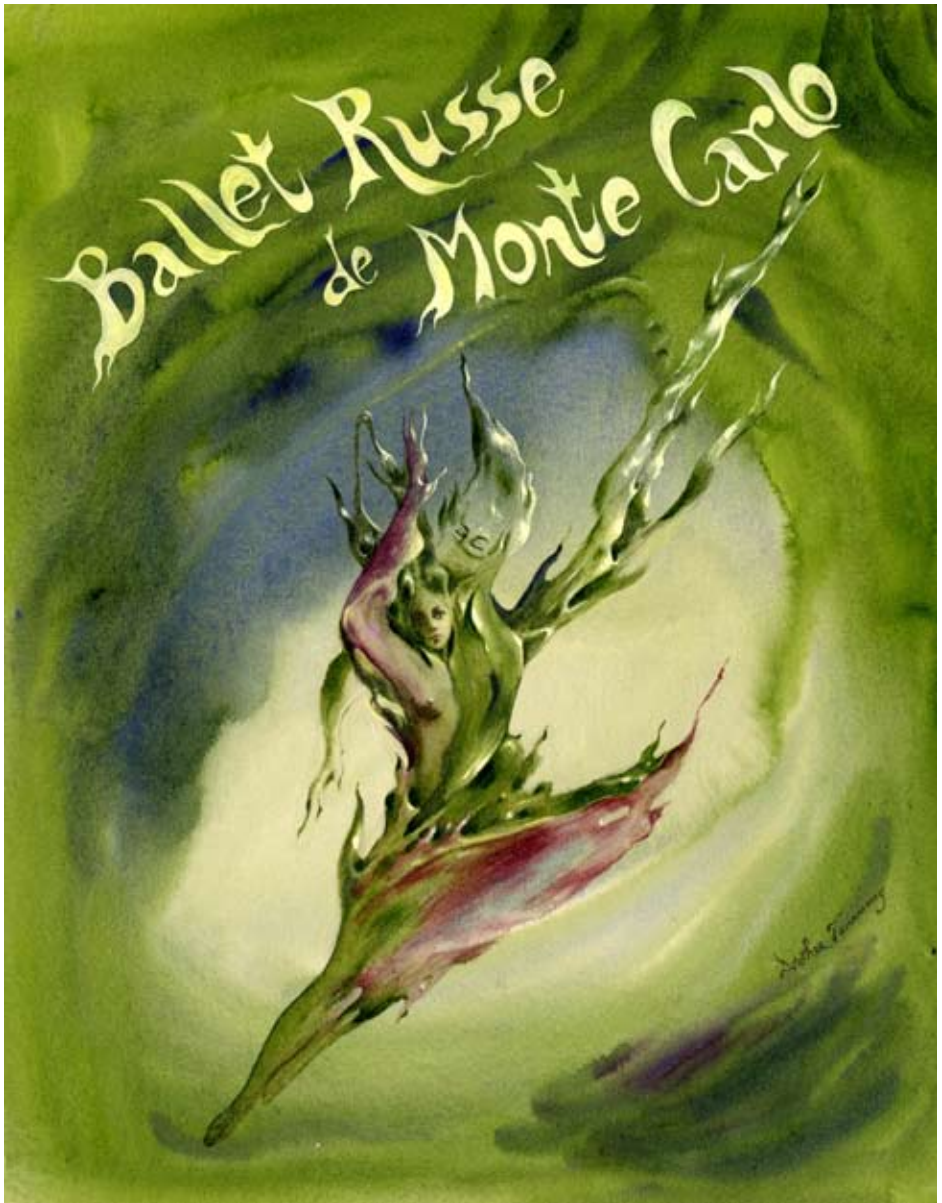
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*"The ballet, The Night Shadow, was presented by Les Ballets Russes de Monte Carlo in the old Metropolitan Opera House in March 1946, under the leadership of George Denham. The Night Shadow had the distinction of participating in the last season ever of the company and of the old opera house."*<sup>1</sup>



**DOROTHEA TANNING** (b. 1910)

*Portrait of Julie*, 1945

Oil on canvas

20 ½ x 20 ½ in. / 52 x 52 cm.

Signed lower right: "Dorothea Tanning"

Private Collection

PROVENANCE

Gift from the Artist

Juliet Ray





**DOROTHEA TANNING** (b. 1910)

*The Sleepwalker*, for George Balanchine's *Night Shadow*, 1945

Watercolor on paper

13 1/2 x 9 7/8 in. / 34.3 x 25.1 cm.

The Young-Mallin Archive

PROVENANCE

*Dance, Theatre, Opera: Costume and Decor Designs, Sculpture Photographs and Books.*

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*"At Julien's there were, of course, painters to talk to; some mentioned earlier, like Eugene Berman, who had seen my first pictures. He led me to Balanchine across the room. "She is just the artist you need for the Sleepwalker sets. Costumes too," he told him. These were the days when ballets had "scenery," and George Balanchine was as keen on it as anyone else." <sup>2</sup>*



**DOROTHEA TANNING** (b. 1910)

*The Truth about Comets*

1945

Oil on canvas

24 x 24 in. / 61 x 61 cm.

Signed and dated lower right: “Dorothea Tanning ‘45”

Collection of Lana Lucas, New York

PROVENANCE

Julien Levy

Edward James

Edward James Foundation, West Dean, Sussex, England

*Modern Paintings and Drawings from the Edward James Collection*, Christies, 6 October 1988

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**DOROTHEA TANNING** (b. 1910)

*Chess Tournament at the Julien Levy Gallery*

January 6, 1945

Collage with three photographs by Julien Levy

Image size: 3 x 5 9/16 in. / 7.6 x 14.1 cm.

Collection of the Artist

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*“There, one evening (January 5, 1945), in the Julien Levy Gallery a small invited public watched seven chessboards manned by seven intrepid players: Julien himself; Frederick Kiesler, avant-garde architect and dreamer; Alfred Barr, the director of the Museum of Modern Art; Xanti Schawinsk, chess whiz; Vittorio Rieti, composer dear to Balanchine; Max Ernst; and me, Dorothea, all of us braced to take on blindfolded chess master George Koltanowski. Marcel Duchamp called out the moves. (For the record: everyone lost except Kiesler, who managed a draw.)”*<sup>3</sup>



**MAN RAY** (b. 1890 – d. 1976)

*What's on your mind Peter?*, 1946

Paste-up collage, double sided

12 ½ x 9 ¾ in. / 31.7 x 24.8 cm.

Signed on bottom: "What's on your mind Peter? Man Ray '46"

Interaudi Bank

PROVENANCE

Gift from the Artist

Collection of Patti Cadby Birch

Kent Gallery, New York

Private Collection, New York

EXHIBITED

*Paste Up*. Kent Gallery, New York, 1992

LITERATURE

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**LEE MILLER** (b. 1907 – d. 1977)

*Dorothea Tanning in Sedona Studio with her painting “Maternity”*

1946

Vintage silverprint

Image size: 10 x 9 15/16 in. / 25.4 x 25.2 cm.

Paper size: 15 ½ x 11 7/8 in. / 39.4 x 30.2 cm.

Stamped verso: “Lee Miller Archive”

Collection of Dorothea Tanning

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*“There were attractive events in the offing. A visit from Marcel Duchamp meant chess, a lot of chess. Lee Miller, who so suffered from the heat that even (beautifully) bare-breasted she did not find the heart to take the photographs she had come to do. But on the last day of her stay, galvanized into activity by a sudden temperature drop, she took four hundred pictures, all of them splendid...”<sup>4</sup>*



**JOSEPH CORNELL** (b. 1903 – d. 1972)

*Letter To Dorothea Tanning,*

December 29, 1947

Collage and ink on blue paper

15 1/8 x 8 3/4 in. / 38.4 x 22.2 cm.

Signed lower right: “Joseph”;

Dated lower left: “December 29, 1947”

Collection of Dorothea Tanning

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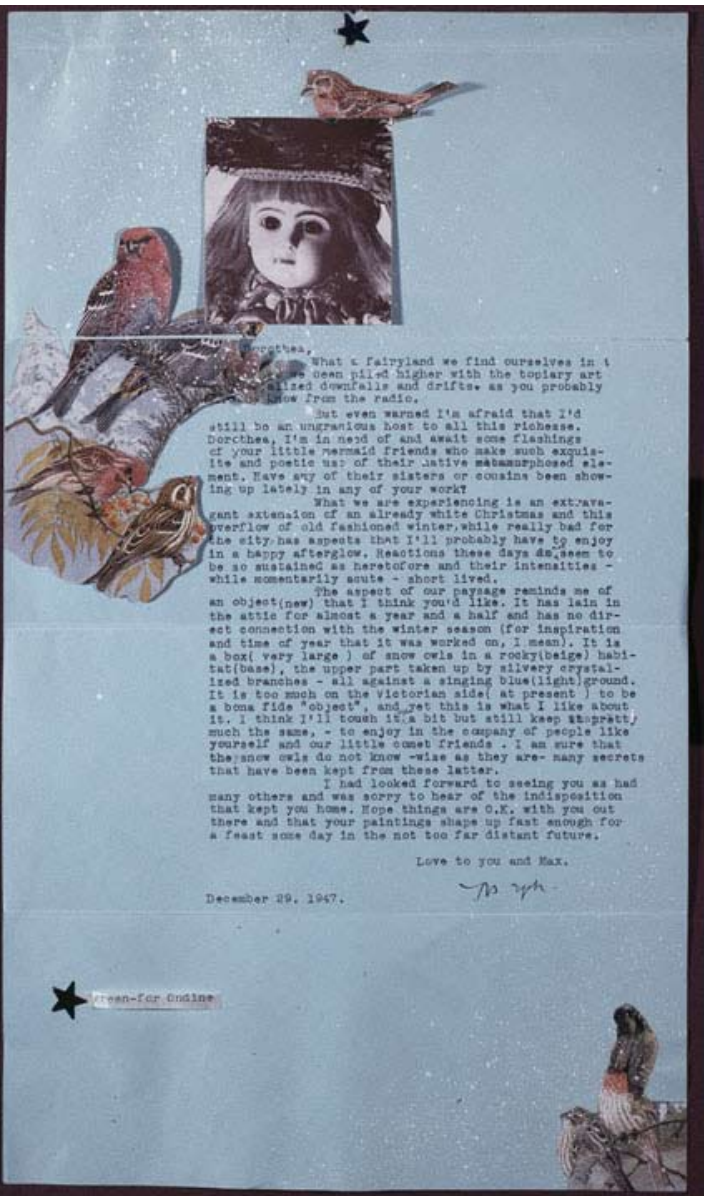
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Dorothea, What a fairylend we find ourselves in! We've been piled higher with the topiary art, gilded downfalls and drifts, as you probably know from the radio.

But even warned I'm afraid that I'd still be an ungracious host to all this richness. Dorothea, I'm in need of and await some flashings of your little mermaid friends who make such exquisite and poetic use of their native mabauroposed element. Have any of their sisters or cousins been showing up lately in any of your work?

What we are experiencing is an extravagant extension of an already white Christmas and this overflow of old fashioned winter, while really bad for the city, has aspects that I'll probably have to enjoy in a happy afterglow. Reactions these days do seem to be so sustained as heretofore and their intensities - while momentarily acute - short lived.

The aspect of our passage reminds me of an object (new) that I think you'd like. It has lain in the attic for almost a year and a half and has no direct connection with the winter season (for inspiration and time of year that it was worked on, I mean). It is a box (very large) of snow owls in a rocky (beige) habitat (base), the upper part taken up by silvery crystallized branches - all against a singing blue (light) ground. It is too much on the Victorian side; at present, to be a bona fide "object", and yet this is what I like about it. I think I'll touch it a bit but still keep it pretty much the same. - to enjoy in the company of people like yourself and our little comet friends. I am sure that the snow owls do not know - wise as they are - many secrets that have been kept from these latter.

I had looked forward to seeing you as had many others and was sorry to hear of the indisposition that kept you home. Hope things are O.K. with you out there and that your paintings shape up fast enough for a feast some day in the not too far distant future.

Love to you and Max.

*M. J. P.*

December 29, 1947.

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**IRVING PENN** (b. 1917)

*Max Ernst and Dorothea Tanning, 1947*

Vintage ferrotype silverprint mounted on board

Image size: 9 ½ x 7 ¾ in. / 24.1 x 19.7 cm.

Board: 15 x 11 in. / 38.1 x 27.9 cm.

Signed on mount: "Irving Penn 1947"

Stamped verso: "Photograph by Penn"

Collection of Dorothea Tanning

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**YVES TANGUY** (b. 1900 – d. 1955)

*Untitled*, 1947

Gouache on paper

14 x 11 in. / 35.6 x 27.9 cm.

Signed lower right: “Yves Tanguy 1947”

Isidore Ducasse Fine Arts

EXHIBITED

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Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, 1999

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**DOROTHEA TANNING** (b. 1910)

*The New Look*, 1948

Oil on canvas

14 x 11 in. / 35.6 x 27.9 cm.

Signed lower right: "Dorothea Tanning"

Curtis Galleries, Minneapolis, MN

EXHIBITED

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LITERATURE

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**JOSEPH CORNELL** (b. 1903 – d. 1972)

*Contes et Proverbes*, 1948

Wood box construction

9 ½ x 8 x 4 ½ in. / 24.1 x 20.3 x 11.4 cm.

Richard L. Feigen & Co., New York

*“We trusted each other: kindred artists with much in common. I was the kind of feminine romantic whose romanticism feeds on random, obscure or forgotten texts and pictures that abound in musty books and documents. Like Cornell. We are alone in our landscape, I thought at that time.”*<sup>5</sup>



**MAN RAY** (b. 1890 – d. 1976)

*Portrait of Dorothea Tanning*, 1948 (Printed 1951)

Vintage silverprint

Image size: 9  $\frac{3}{4}$  x 7  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. / 24.8 x 19.7 cm.

Signed in pencil lower right: “MR51”

Collection of Dorothea Tanning

L I T E R A T U R E

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**MAX ERNST** (b. 1891 – d. 1976)

*Colline Inspirée*, 1949

Oil on canvas

15 15/16 x 18 1/8 in. / 40.5 x 46 cm.

Signed lower right: “max ernst”

Inscribed on verso: “Colline inspirée”

Collection of Dorothea Tanning

EXHIBITED

*Max Ernst*. Galerie René Drouin, Paris, 1950

*Max Ernst*. Museum of Modern Art, New York, 1961

*Max Ernst*. The Art Institute, Chicago, 1961

*Max Ernst*. The Arts Council of Great Britain, Tate Gallery, London, 1961

LITERATURE

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**ROBERT MOTHERWELL** (b. 1915 – d. 1991)

*In the Summer Sun*, 1950

Oil on board

14 X 18 in. / 35.6 x 45.7 cm.

Signed and dated right: “Motherwell ‘50”

NOTES

*The word “Capriccio” is used by musicians to mean a “composition in a more or less free form,” often fantastic. The subjects are the classical ones of 20th Century Parisian abstract paintings: figures, interiors, still lifes. The fantasy is brutal and ironical.*

Exhibition catalogue, Motherwell, Kootz Gallery, New York, 1950

*In the Summer Sun* is one of several *Capriccios* included in Motherwell’s 1950 exhibition at Kootz Gallery. For the most part, these *Capriccios* are relatively little known, and often depict an interior, sometimes with an exterior view, as in this complex and assured composition (in which the orange panel with black circle represents an open doorway). The vertical panels, with contrasting lines, as well as the palette of ochre, black, white, and blue – which would become the artist’s signature of the next decades are interestingly explored in this rich, early work. In the name *Capriccio* we also find an allusion to Goya, and indeed *In the Summer Sun* bears a strong compositional relationship to that artist’s *Majas on the Balcony* (ca. 1810), to Manet’s own homage to Goya, *The Balcony* (1868-69), as well as, by extension, Magritte’s *Perspective: The Balcony by Manet* (1949), and numerous paintings of balconies and windows by Matisse.

More than any other member of the first generation of Abstract Expressionist painters, Motherwell was deeply immersed in French modernist culture. The references here are both playful and unmistakable.

PROVENANCE

Collection of the Artist

Kootz Gallery, New York

Private Collection, New York

C&M Arts, New York

Private Collection

EXHIBITED

*Motherwell: First Exhibition of Paintings in Three Years.* Samuel M. Kootz Gallery, New York, 1950



**ROBERT MOTHERWELL** (b. 1915 – d. 1991)

*Untitled (Spanish Elegy)*, 1950

Gouache on board

23 x 29 in. / 58.4 x 73.7 cm.

Initialed and dated upper left: “RM ‘50”

Private Collection

NOTE

*Untitled* (1950) will be included in a catalogue raisonné of collected drawings by Robert Motherwell, to be published at a later date.

PROVENANCE

Weintraub Gallery, New York

Private collection, New York

EXHIBITED

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**WILLIAM COPLEY** (b. 1919 – d. 1996)

*Well Spent Youth*, before 1951

Oil on canvas

19 1/8 x 13 in. / 48.5 x 33 cm.

Signed upper right and lower right: “CpLy”

PROVENANCE

Gift of the Artist

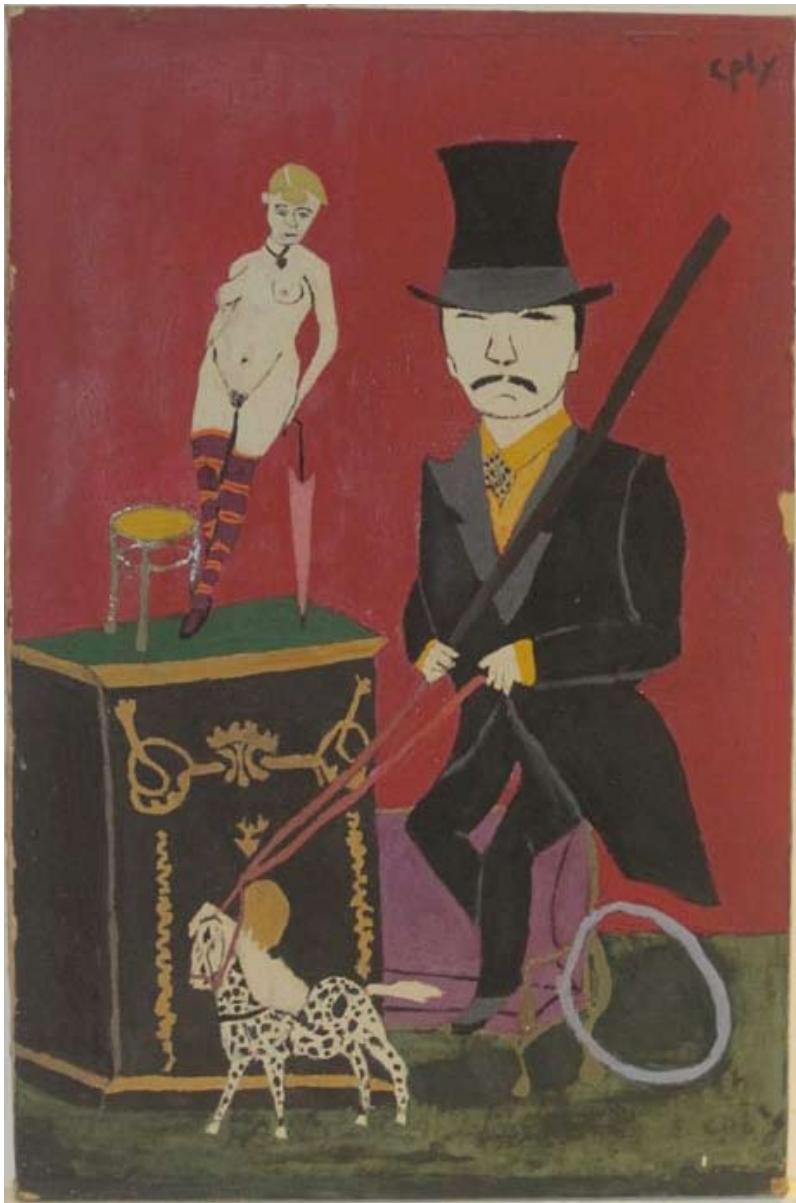
Collection of Dorothea Tanning

EXHIBITED

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LITERATURE

*CpLy: paintings by William N. Copley*. Los Angeles: Royer’s Book Shop, 1951, ill. p. 4 (b&w).



**DOROTHEA TANNING** (b. 1910)

*The Philosophers*, 1952

Oil on canvas

29 7/8 x 35 3/4 in. / 75.9 x 90.8 cm.

Signed and dated lower right: "Dorothea Tanning '52"

Isidore Ducasse Fine Arts

EXHIBITED

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LITERATURE

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**ROBERTO MATTA** (b. 1911 – d. 2002)

*Morning on Earth*, 1953

Oil on canvas

45 x 68 in. / 114.3 x 172.7 cm.

Signed on verso

PROVENANCE

Allan Frumkin Gallery, New York

Maxwell Davidson Gallery, New York

Private Collection, New York

*“...Matta, whether in Paris or New York, where his ebullience and his vision dazzled our own young artists, merging in his big canvases the architecture of outer space with the conceits of earthly technologies, is indelibly here. And there; pursuing art and the elusive feminine with equal fervor. Matta, worth a hundred pages of fantasies to match his own imagination. He played with the universe, his beings, perhaps earthly, seemed to know the constellations like a forest path.”*<sup>6</sup>



**RENE MAGRITTE** (b. 1898 – d. 1967)

*Le Coeur du Monde*, 1954

Gouache on board

6 ½ x 4 ¾ in. / 16.5 x 12.1 cm.

Signed upper left: “Magritte”

Rosalind & Melvin Jacobs Collection, New York

EXHIBITED

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**HENRI CARTIER-BRESSON** (b. 1908 – d. 2004)

*Portrait of Dorothea Tanning*, c. 1957

Vintage silverprint

Image size: 8 x 11 ¾ in. / 20.3 x 29.8 cm.

Stamped: “Henri Cartier-Bresson”

Collection of Dorothea Tanning

L I T E R A T U R E

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**MERET OPPENHEIM** (b. 1913 - d. 1986)  
*Genoveva Uber dem Wasser Schwebend*  
(*Genoveva Floating Over the Water*), 1957

Oil on Pavatex

Signed lower right: "MO x 57"

14 5/8 x 18 1/2 in. / 37.1 x 47 cm.

PROVENANCE

Estate of Meret Oppenheim

Kent Fine Art, New York

Private Collection

NOTE

*Genoveva* is an opera in four acts by Robert Schumann in the genre of German Romanticism with a libretto by the composer. The only opera Schumann ever wrote, it received its first performance on 25 June 1850 at the Stadttheater in Leipzig.

In Marcel Proust's *In Search of Lost Time*, the narrator remembers a magic lantern he had in his room, in Combray, that showed the image of Golo riding his horse towards Geneveva's castle. He says: "...and I would fall into the arms of my mother, whom the misfortunes of Genoveva de Brabant had made all the dearer to me, just as the crimes of Golo had driven me to a more than ordinarily scrupulous examination of my own conscience".

EXHIBITED

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**ALBERTO GIACOMETTI** (b. 1901 – d. 1966)

*Homme à la table*, ca. 1958-1960

Blue ink on paper

19 5/8 x 12 5/8 in. / 49.8 x 32.1 cm.

PROVENANCE

Atelier Alberto Giacometti, Paris

Diego Giacometti, Paris

Bruno Giacometti, Zollikon

Private Collection, Switzerland

NOTE

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Accompanied by a certificate signed by Bruno Giacometti 2005.

Accompanied by a certificate signed by Lisa Palmer 23 October 2006.

“As so often with his drawn portraits, the figure is the focus of the work. Much of the sheet is left untouched, and there are few accessories: a table, and what appears to be a book, recently laid on the table, the sitter interrupted whilst reading, suggesting he is a writer. The austerity, matched with the stare with which the sitter fixes the viewer, has the effect of producing a particularly intense and moving work on a par with Giacometti's best drawings.”

Sabine Weiss, *Giacometti in His Studio*, 1954



**MAX ERNST** (b. 1891 – d. 1976)

*Dans les Rues d'Athènes*, Huismes, 1960

Bronze, Numbered 4 of 5

38 5/8 x 19 5/16 x 7 1/8 in. / 98.1 x 49.1 x 18.1 cm.

COMPLETE CASTING DETAILS

Edition of 12

0/III - III/III (1960 - 1974);

AP 1/3 - 3/3 (1974), Susse Fondeur, Paris

1/5 - 5/5 (1999 - 2002), Modern Art Foundry

PROVENANCE

Dorothea Tanning

LITERATURE

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Prat, Jean-Louis. *Max Ernst*. Saint-Paul: Foundation Maeght, 1983, cat. no. 103, ill p. 165.

Spies, Werner and Sigrid Metken. *Max Ernst: Oeuvre-Katalog, Werke 1954 - 1963*. Cologne: Menil Foundation, 1998, cat. no. 3816, ill. p. 403.



**ALEXANDER CALDER** (b. 1898 – d. 1976)

*Rearing Beast*, 1961

Copper, unique

17 ½ x 23 in. / 44.5 x 58.4 cm

Signed: “AC”

NOTE

*Rearing Beast* is registered in the archives of Calder Foundation under Application Number A10672

PROVENANCE

Perls Gallery, New York

Private Collection, New York

LITERATURE

Arnason, H. Harvard and Pedro E. Guerrero. *Calder*. New York: D. Van Nostrand, 1966, p. 176.

*“There in Huismes, after Venice, we had become once more dedicated country mice, planting American corn, dealing with molehills, and, on the shiny side, having our old friends the Alexander Calders living near, in Sache. We share our fun and games. Seeing the tall brown-paper-bag mask moving among the dancers at our party one knew that Sandy Calder was under it.”<sup>7</sup>*



**KAY SAGE** (b. 1898 – d. 1963)

*Passionnément, pas du tout*, 1961

Mixed media assemblage

12 x 9 x 1 in. / 30.5 x 22.9 x 2.5 cm.

18 1/4 x 15 1/4 x 1 in. / 46.3 x 38.7 x 2.5 cm.

Signed and dated lower right: “Kay Sage ‘61’”

PROVENANCE

Pierre Matisse Gallery, New York

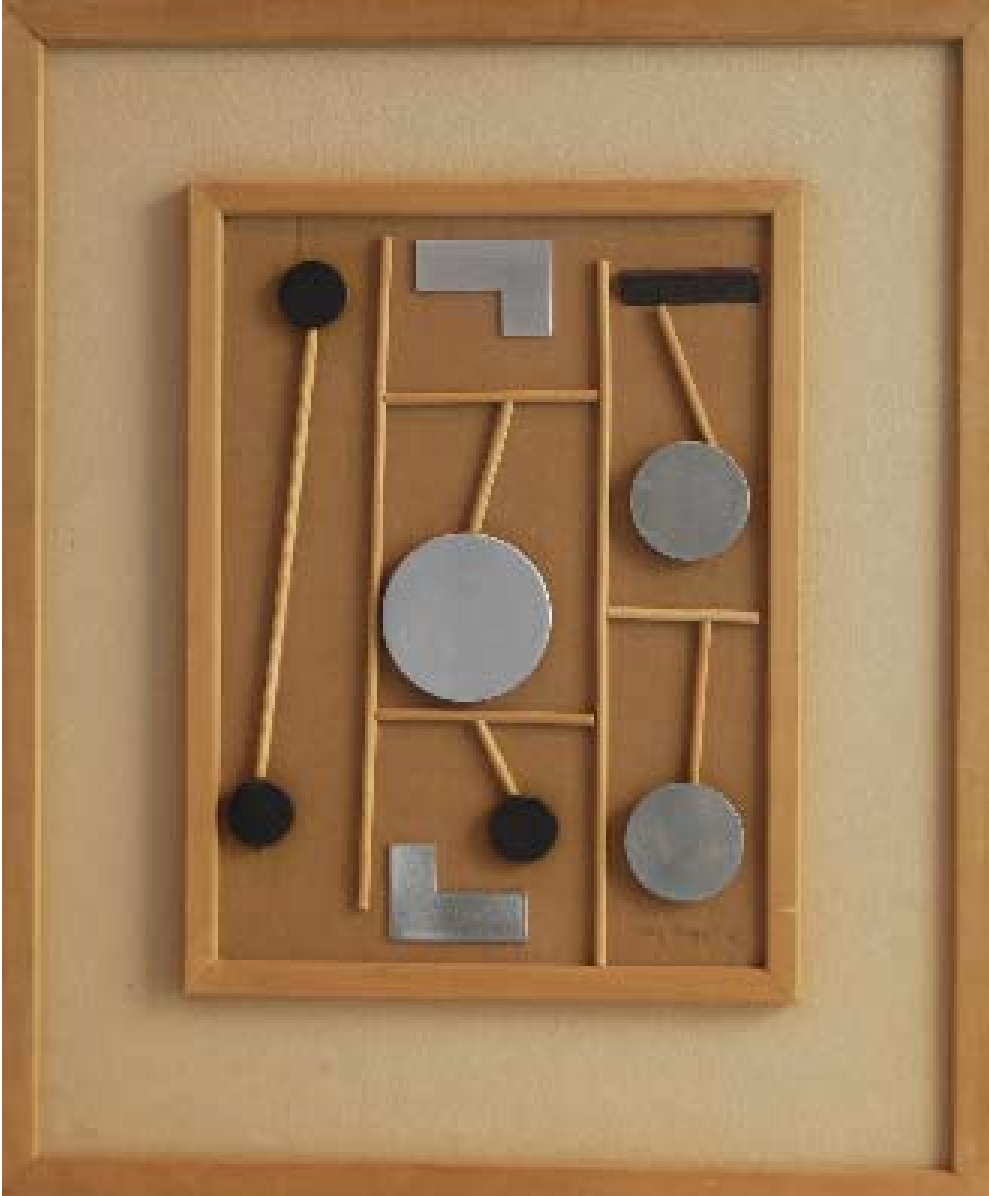
Acquavella Modern Art, Reno

Private Collection, New York

EXHIBITED

*Your Move: Exhibition of Objects, Collages by Kay Sage*. Catherine Viviano Gallery, New York,  
1961





**MAN RAY** (b. 1890 – d. 1976)

*Chess Set and Table*, 1962

Enameled metal chess board with 32 sterling players

Number 1 from an Edition of 5

27 x 55 3/4 x 22 3/4 in. / 68.6 x 141.6 x 57.8 cm.

Signed and dated: “Man Ray 1963, #I/V”

NOTE

In 1920 Man Ray planned his first chess set, and the pieces he designed on paper inspired the shapes of the chess-pieces he realized many years later in 1945. Using materials scattered around his studio, including simple wooden forms used as draughtsmen’s models and broken violins left over from a storage-house, Man Ray designed a set that was intended ‘as a symbolic evocation.’ Six years later, the Maharaja of Indore commissioned this set to be executed in silver.

A new chess set, based on the 1920 drawings was designed in 1945 when Julien Levy invited Man Ray to participate in the exhibition *The Imagery of Chess* along with Max Ernst, Marcel Duchamp, Yves Tanguy and Alexander Calder. An edition of six in wood was followed by a set in aluminum in 1947. A third chess set and a chess board followed in 1962, a slight modification of the 1945 design. In addition to these three main chess sets, Man Ray also produced several variations in which the pieces of the various sets are somewhat mixed. Sometimes slight changes have also been introduced into the basic design of the three sets.

Man Ray also designed a chess table (1930) and a chess board (1962). In both cases the sides of the board are inscribed with a prose poem based on alliteration and puns that humorously characterize the pieces of the game: *Le Roi est à moi – la Reine est la tienne* (*The King is mine – the Queen is yours*); *La Tour fait un four – le Fou est comme vous* (*The Rook is a flop – the Bishop is like you*); *Le Cavalier déraïlle – le Poin fair l’espion comme toute canaille* (*The Knight talks nonsense – the pawn is a spy like every scoundrel*).

PROVENANCE

Weintraub Gallery, New York

Kent Fine Art, New York

Private Collection, New York

EXHIBITED

*Reality Remade*. Kent Fine Art, 1986

LITERATURE

Schwarz, Arturo. *Man Ray: The Rigour of the Imagination*, 1977, p. 204, 217, cat. no. 327, ill.

(b&w)

*Reality Remade*, New York: Kent Fine Art, 1986, ill. (color).



## *The 1962 Man Ray Silver Chess Set & Table*

In this *Chess Set and Table* of 1962 Tanning's dear friend, American ex-patriot artist Man Ray, returned to the grand scale and luxurious materials of his first *Silver Chess Set* commission of 1926 for the Maharajah of Indore. Like the 1926 ensemble, this one, the first of an edition of five, produced in Paris by Marcel Zerbib, contrasts pieces of highly polished and darkly patinated sterling silver arrayed on a table of exotic hardwood with flanking jewelry-boxlike hinge-lidded compartments for the individual pieces. The two open box shaped sections of tall, slender rods supporting this particular table, though not designed by Tanning colleague, sculptor Xenia Cage, were perhaps inspired by the 1944 *Chess Table* that Ms. Cage designed for Max Ernst's classic 1944 *Chess Set*.

The parchment-laminated board of the 1926 table is exceeded in finish by this 1962 version with its enameled metal inlaid board ringed by a Dada-nonsensical French poem describing the chess pieces composed by the artist. Here we see that the strictly geometric cones, cubes and sphere forms of his 1926 design have, with four decades of design development and experimentation, been highly refined to forms that are readily recognizable while being pleasing to the eye and to the touch – goals the artist repeatedly discussed in letters to Ernst and Tanning's chess mates and colleagues, Marcel Duchamp and gallerist Julien Levy.

An inveterate experimenter, Man Ray offered these same chess set forms and table design in a second, less exclusive edition of 50, in polished and patinated bronze and available with tables of a variety of light and dark hardwoods and inlaid boards of different enameled color combinations.

Larry List  
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**MAX ERNST** (b. 1891 – d. 1976)

*One Moon, Two Hemispheres*, 1963

Oil on canvas

25 ¾ x 21 in. / 65.4 x 53.3 cm.

Signed on verso: “Max Ernst One Moon”

Collection of Dorothea Tanning

EXHIBITED

*Max Ernst: Sunset and Twilight (The Post War Years)*. The Elkon Gallery, New York, 1989-90

LITERATURE

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Spies, Werner and Sigrid Metken. *Max Ernst: Oeuvre-Katalog, Werke 1954-1063*. Cologne:  
Menil Foundation, 1998, cat. no. 3688, ill. p. 331.



**HANS (JEAN) ARP** (b. 1886 – d. 1966)

*Geisticulant*, 1964

Gilded bronze

Number 3 from an Edition of 5

16 x 14 ½ x 15 in. / 40.6 x 36.8 x 38.1 cm.

PROVENANCE

Madame Arp

Sidney Janis Gallery, New York

Private Collection, New York

EXHIBITED

*Exhibition of Sculpture in Marble, Bronze & Wood Relief by Jean Arp*. Sidney Janis Gallery, New York, 1980

LITERATURE

Trier, Eduard. *Jean Arp Sculpture His Last Ten Years*. New York: Harry N. Abrams, Inc., 1968, p. 126, pl. 329.

*Exhibition of Sculpture in Marble, Bronze & Wood Relief by Jean Arp*. New York: Sidney Janis Gallery, 1980, cat. no. 36.





**MARCEL DUCHAMP** (b. 1887 – d. 1968)

*The Chess Players*, 1965

Etching printed in black on handmade paper

Number 14 from an Edition of 50

Image size: 17 x 22 1/2 in. / 43.2 x 57.1 cm.

Paper size: 19 11/16 x 25 9/16 in. / 50 x 65 cm.

Inscribed lower right, in pencil: “Marcel Duchamp 1965”;

Inscribed lower right: “pour Dorothea Tanning Marcel Duchamp”

#### NOTES

In the spring of 1965, Duchamp was asked if he could help to raise money for the American Chess Foundation, a professional organization of chess players to which he had belonged and long supported. He came up with the idea of inviting a select number of artists to contribute works to the theme of chess for a benefit exhibition to be held at the Cordier & Ekstrom Gallery in the spring of the following year. In order to encourage participation, he prepared a special limited edition etching, *The Chess Players* (the image of his brothers playing chess that was based on a charcoal drawing made in 1911), which he planned to give as a gift to all participants. In May of 1965, at the beginning of his annual trip to Europe, Duchamp arranged for the etching to be pulled in an edition of 50 copies (plus 10 proofs) at the printmaking atelier of Stanley William Hayter in Paris. More people participated in this project than Duchamp anticipated, so later in the year, he produced another edition of this etching in 30 signed and numbered prints.

#### PROVENANCE

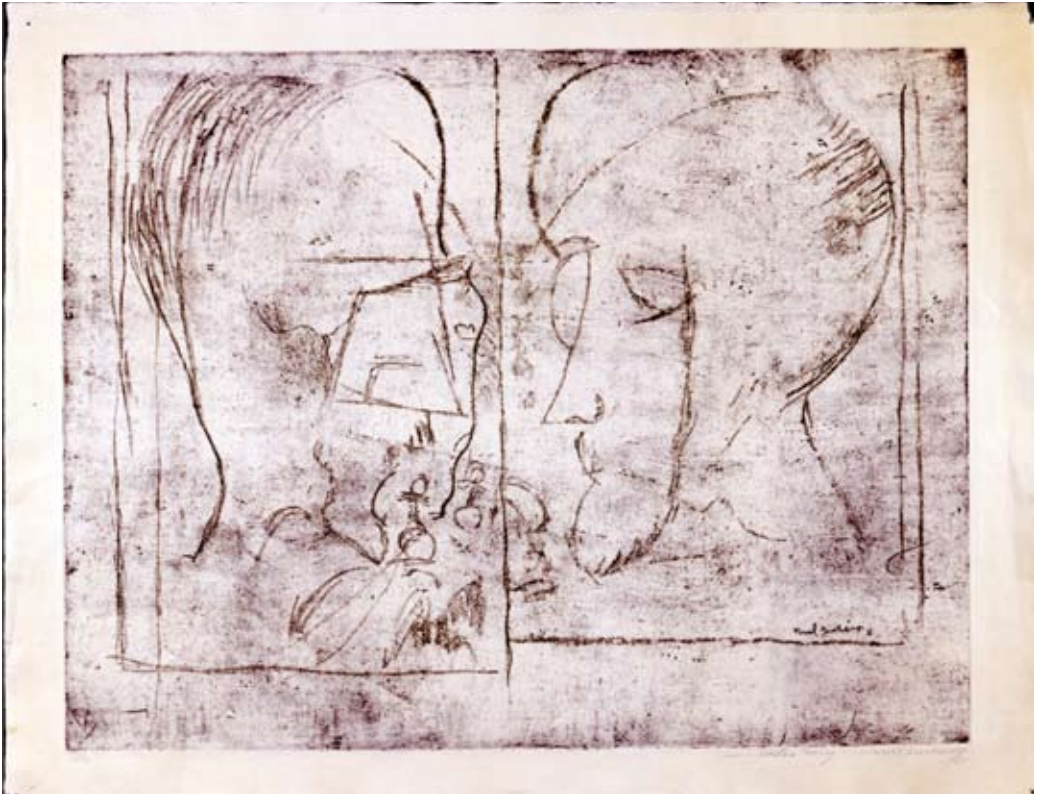
Gift from the Artist

Dorothea Tanning

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**JOAN MIRO** (b. 1893 – d. 1983)

*Untitled*, 1967

Pencil, crayon, and ink on paper

15 x 11 in. / 38.1 x 27.9 cm.

Signed and dated: “pour Dorothea and Max , Pour coeur Miro 29/IV/67”

Collection of Dorothea Tanning

*“One late afternoon, we were gathered in our Paris apartment, rue de Lille: Miro, wife Pilar, Max Ernst, and me. It was the day after the opening of his new exhibition at Galerie Maeght, where an eight-page magazine, Derriere le Miroir, was published for each show. At a break in the conversation I showed Miro my copy from the opening. A black-and-white illustration made from a Miro drawing was on the cover. ‘Dear Miro, would you sign this for me?’ His face beamed. ‘Mais oui.’ He jumped up. ‘Do you have some colored crayons?’ And would you believe it? I found only two scraggly wax pencils, red and blue. But Miro closeted himself in the next room, and remained there during the rest of the visit. When he came out with the page, he had not only signed it, he had transformed his black-and-white drawing into a glowing picture in three colors.”<sup>8</sup>*



**DOROTHEA TANNING** (b. 1910)

*Myself as Never*, 1969-2008

(formerly *Le Peche (Sin)*, 1969 reworked 2008)

Fabric, wool, cardboard, sawdust and lead

24 x 44 x 10 ¾ in. / 60.1 x 111.8 x 27.3 cm.

Collection of the Artist

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**JOSEPH CORNELL** (b. 1903 – d. 1972)

*The Storm That Never Came*, 1971

Collage, unique

11 15/16 x 9 in. / 30.3 x 22.9 cm.

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**JOAN MIRO** (b. 1893 – d. 1983)

*Poème pour Dorothea, 23/I/74*

Ink and pencil on paper

24 ¾ x 16 in. / 62.9 x 40.6 cm.

Signed and dated: “Miró 23/I/74”

Collection of Dorothea Tanning

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**DOROTHEA TANNING** (b. 1910)

*Still in the Studio*, 1977

Oil on canvas

50 7/8 x 38 in. / 129.2 x 96.5 cm.

Signed lower right: "Dorothea Tanning"

Collection of the Artist

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*"June. Still in the studio. Everything is there at the bottom of my crazy brain. Everything. But it's stone-heavy and will not rise... I went on painting, numbly, doggedly, somberly. something that when it was finished I called Still in the Studio. But it was as if the paints had curdled in their tubes. Colors that I had so loved stubbornly eluded by brushes in this brokenhearted work that turned out to be a kind of farewell to Paris and to France."* <sup>9</sup>



**DOROTHEA TANNING** (b. 1910)

*Notes for an Apocalypse*, 1978

Oil on canvas

50 x 62 in. / 127 x 157.5 cm.

Signed and dated lower right: "Dorothea Tanning '78"

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**MERCE CUNNINGHAM** (b. 1919 - d. 2009)

*Untitled (Mosquito #13)*, 1990

Black pen on paper

11 x 8 1/2 in. / 27.9 x 21.6 cm.

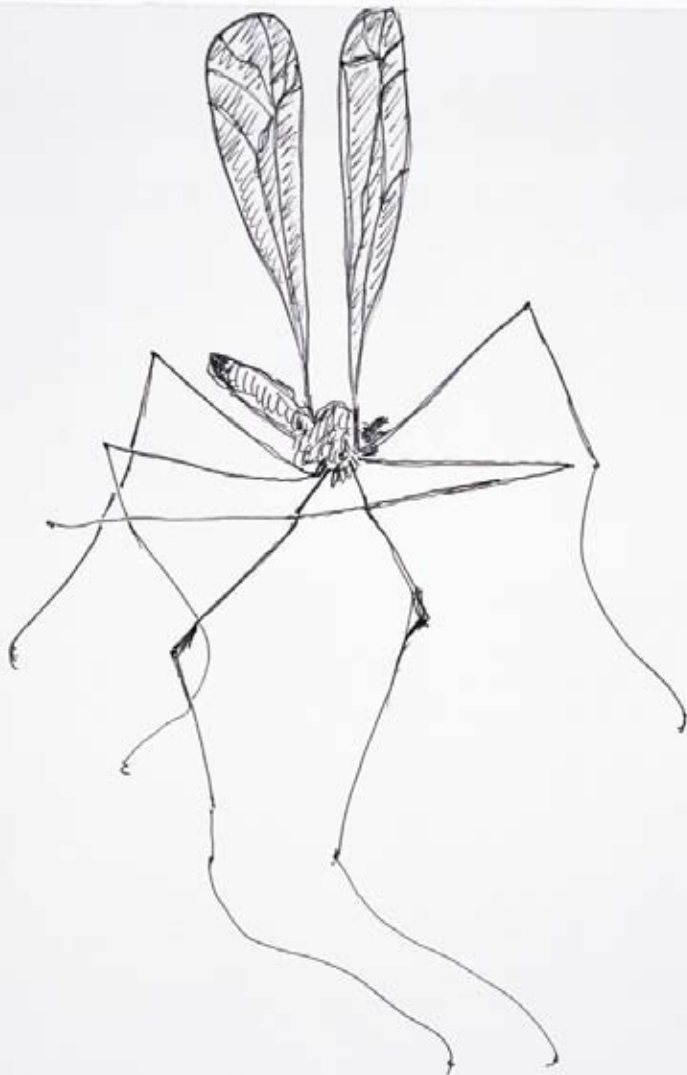
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I like the work of Dorothea Tanning because the domain of the marvelous is her native country; because in her audacious enterprise to paint an intimate and dramatized biography of the universe, the tumults of the child's soul, the mysteries of love and the whole monstrosity which envelopes the ages of reason, she finds her new, spontaneous and persuasive means of figuration. I admire her courage in taking a precise and difficult position amid the general confusion of ideas which characterizes the artistic situation of our time. She recognizes the inadequacy of academic exercises to which masses of so-called artists devote themselves in the too-comfortable monasteries of the abstract, with its easy and vague nebulae. And she refuses to take the vow of obedience to the exigencies of an orthodox surrealism.

Precision is her mystery. Thus she acquired the faculty of leading us with the surety of the somnambulist through the real world as well as through the imagined world. Because in her work the flames of the earth burn with a quiet, continuous and smiling passion, one can give to it a dominant place among the most authentic, most unfettered expressions of surrealism.

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