

SA1147539

**Portrait of a Lady Reclining
("Souvenir"), Karel Van Belle
(1884-1958)**

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1147539

Date of manufacture: 1940

Dimensions

Height = 90 cm (35.4")

Width = 130 cm (51.2")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

Karel Van Belle (1884-1958) Title: Portrait of a Lady Reclining ("Souvenir"), Karel Van Belle (1884-1958) Period. Signed a dated 1944 (lower left) Provenance: From a private UK collection Overall size with the frame is 130 cm x 90 cm x 6 cm and the painting measured at 110 cm x 69 cm A fabulous and very large portrait of a lady reclining on her sofa with her pet dog faithfully by her side. The work appears to depict the aftermath of a romantic encounter, the flowers by her sofa a possible souvenir of the meeting. The evocative work is typical of Van Belle's work and of his approach to the use of a vibrant colour palette. This wonderful composition leaves the viewer contemplating the woman's emotional state of mind as her faithful dog keeps her company. A wonderful composition by an extremely well collected 20th century artist. Karel Van Belle (Charles Van Belle) was a Belgian painter born in Ghent in 1884 and died there in 1959. Training at the Ghent Academy under the direction of J. Van Biesbroeck, J. Delvin and L. Tytgadt. Honorable mention (third prize) at the Prix de Rome in 1913. Van Belle's work often featured women, including Madonnas, young girls,...

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