

SA1226320

Lena Gurr Night Work

Price

GBP 6,000

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Item Reference: SA1226320

Date of manufacture: 1940

Dimensions

Height = 63.5 cm (25.0")

Width = 53.5 cm (21.1")

Description

Oil on Canvas, signed lower right, signed and titled verso Image size: 25 x 21 inches (63.5 x 53.5cm)
Contemporary frame Night Work depicts a lonely seamstress at her sewing machine, her work illuminated by a single spotlight. On the right side of the canvas the shutters are closed and a pair of scissors with an off-cut of fabric sit on the workbench behind her. The woman's head bends to the left as she concentrates on sewing the seam of the purple dress in her hands. The painting reflects Gurr's move away from representative, semi-abstract art towards a more Cubist technique. The composition is made up of blocks of colour used to emphasise the contrast between the illuminated workspace and the surrounding darkness. Thicker brushstrokes of striking yellow and red light up the smock worn by the woman and the dress in her hands. The subject matter, a presumably working-class woman working late into the night, either to earn enough to make ends meet or repairing a much-loved garment she cannot afford to replace, is in keeping with Gurr's interest in depicting modern urban life and poverty. Her feminism and social activism combine in this painting to capture the isolation ...

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