



Paula Varona (1963) - Evening At Las Ventas



490 EUR

Period : 20th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Oil painting

Description

Oil on canvas. Original painting. Hand-signed. In this oil on canvas by Paula Varona, the entrance to the Las Ventas bullring unfolds not as a mere genre scene, but as the very threshold of a pagan temple at the heart of modernity. Amid the bustle of stalls selling sunflower seeds and drinks, the crowd gathered beneath the Neo-Mudejar arcades is not merely witnessing a mass spectacle, but rather the prelude to a collective communion. These brick arcades, silhouetted against the sky on a bullfighting afternoon, function as an inverted triumphal arch: an architectural boundary separating the city's linear, secular time from the mythical, cyclical time about to unfold in the arena. The painting masterfully captures this moment of suspension, the eve of the mystery, where the murmur of the crowd is the

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chorus preceding the tragedy. In this light, the bullfight reveals itself with the force of its ancestral heritage: as the last of the great ancient rituals to survive in the West. While the contemporary world has sanitized existence and banished mystery, the bullring remains that sacred space where humanity still feels the need to stage, in bare-handed combat, the primordial forces of nature, chance, and finitude. Varona's painting, by contrasting the mundane daily life of street vendors with the imposing monumentality of the bullring, reminds us that myth has always needed the marketplace at its periphery; that before the sacred catharsis of sacrifice, human beings have always sought refuge in the tribe, in lighthearted conversation and in the evening light, the ultimate rational anchor before fully surrendering to the fascination of the sacred.-
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