

Basic Detail Report



Untitled [Christ on the Cross]

Date

1938

Primary Maker

Virgil David Cantini

Medium

Oil on canvas; Wood; Metal

Description

Framed painting on canvas. Rectangular painting depicts crucified Jesus Christ at center with Adolf Hitler seated atop the cross, a brunette woman holds Jesus' legs. Background has the Statue of Liberty in the top left corner and a burning city skyline in the top right corner. Mid-ground has numerous uniformed military men, including Benito Mussolini and Hirohito who are saluting Hitler.

Foreground has three nude bodies; the left and right figures appear dead while the central nude is seated hunched over and has a uniformed military man standing above ready to strike. Artist signature painted in black in lower right corner. Light brown painted wooden frame. Front of frame at bottom has hand-etched text and numbers. Reverse of canvas has handwritten date and artist name in top left corner in ink. Back of each stretcher bar is stamped with maker information. Back of frame along top edge near top right corner has handwritten number in black. Canvas is held in frame by four nails, two along top edge and two along bottom edge; metal wire wrapped around top two nails served as hanging hardware. Paint loss predominant in top right corner reveals different painted layer beneath; the canvas was possibly reused.

Dimensions

Height x Width x Depth (Framed): 41.375 x 33.25 x 1.25 in. (105.1 x 84.5 x 3.2 cm)