

MANOLO VALDES

Profile:

- Internationally renowned Spanish draughtsman, painter and sculptor.
- Draws his inspiration from fetish topics of the history of Art and its great masters: Velasquez, Matisse, Disney, etc.
- For Daum: "Las Meninas" is a symbolic, endearing sculpture full of gentleness.

Biography (1942)



Manolo Valdes was born in Valencia in 1942. He entered the Valencia San Carlos Fine Arts School in 1957. In 1964 he formed the "Equipo Cronica" group together with Joan Toledo and Rafael Solbes, and remained part of it until Solbes' death in 1981. Between 1965 and 1981, he took part in numerous exhibitions. Today he divides his time between Madrid and New York, where he has his studios. **A man who rejoices in materials, a draughtsman, colourist, painter and sculptor, he tends to work with well-known themes in the history of art through works recognised the world over and artists as widely differing as Velasquez, Matisse and even the Disney studios.** The artist takes these familiar works and transfigures them; the result is a new creation that dialogues directly with the original work without ever superimposing itself on the latter or losing sight of it. A genuine dialogue of creation. His studio is an immense confrontation of all his experiences, where incredible diversity is used to nourish a highly original approach.

Manolo Valdes for Daum

For Daum, Manolo Valdès revisited his beloved young noblewomen, modelling a glass icon whose royal figure carries on her court dress the traces of combat with the material, the scratches of time and the memory of art. "**Las Meninas**" was produced in 2002 in 125 copies, with versions in two colours (blue and amber).

Here he summons the spirit of "**Las Meninas**" ("The Maids of Honour"), Velasquez's extraordinary picture representing the infantas of the Spanish court. Here one of them is chosen by the artist, who transfigures her in a new creation.

Height: 45.6 cm



The world of Manolo Valdes



La lluvia
Acrylic paint
Created in 1980
Size: 130 x 96 cm

Sale price: €100,000



Dorothy
Volume sculpture
Created in 2004
Size: 34 x 30 x 14 cm



Infanta
Volume sculpture
Created in 1987
Size: 50 x 165 x 185 cm
Sale price: €58,998



Perro de Goya
Oil on canvas
Created in 1987
Size: 163 x 130 cm