

Ex-libris (bookplate) - Stefan Kellner

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Artist/Maker: Bayros, von, Franz (1866 - 1924) / designer

Date of production: 1913

Inscription: jobbra lent ceruzával: Fr. Bayros

Materials: paper

Dimensions: width: 11 cm
height: 12 cm

Bayros made several ex libris pieces for István Kellner, a book dealer in Budapest. This one made in 1913 was published on the cover plate of the Bayros issue of a Gyűjtő (The Collector, an art magazine). Bayros favoured circular compositions - in this case it is enriched with flowers, showing a half-naked female figure in a large hat, holding a snake in her right and a St. George statuette in her left. At her feet, a monkey sits in a kimono on the quiver of Cupid, holding a pen in its hand. This picture is characterised by symbols from different sources, decorative effects, graceful details and erotic fantasy: the presence of the animals suggest love, while the large hat evokes similar associations. Bayros' female figures can be considered as special interpretations of the «Femme fatale».

Literature

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