

BEATRICE HUNTINGTON (1889 - 1988 'La Gitana', Portrait of Violet Dreschfeld

Sold

Beatrice M. L. Huntington



REF: 1355

Height: 51 cm (20.1")

Width: 35.5 cm (14")

## Description

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1947 · oil on canvas · 51 x 35.5 cm  
Signed and dated lower right, 'B.M.L. Huntington 1947'  
Verso inscribed 'Huntington' in chalk  
Framed

Verso labelled: The Scottish Gallery  
Earlier hand-written artist's label with title: 'La Gitana' Exhibited: Society of Scottish Women Artists,  
Edinburgh, 1951 (image reproduced in The Scotsman on 1 December 1951)  
The Scottish Gallery, 1990, cat. no.9

Violet Dreschfeld (also known as Dressfield or Dressfeld) was a sculptor and life-long friend of Beatrice's. The daughter of an academic, she was born in Manchester in 1890. She studied in London in 1915, when Beatrice was also there, before moving to Paris and working from a studio at Montparnasse. In later life she lived and worked for many years on the island of Mallorca. This may explain the Spanish title; 'La Gitana' translates as 'The Gypsy'. Beatrice and Violet remained friends and correspondents and Beatrice was to paint her again some decades later (cat.47).  
There is an example of Violet Dreschfeld's sculpture in the collection (cat.84).