



The Piazza Farnese Decorated for a Celebration in Honor of the Marriage of the Dauphin

Date

1745

Primary Maker

Giovanni Paolo Panini

Medium

Oil on canvas

Description

This is an oil on canvas painting. It is a vedute estate, or "exact view", of a specific historical event. Blue skies are covered and framed by cumulous clouds. The open courtyard is filled with busy people, both the wealthy, well-dressed and the more common attending the tasks at hand before the marriage. There is a giant obelisk pointing heavenward in the center of the courtyard. Its circular base ornately decorated with statues, columns and stairs. It is a temple of Minerva, the Roman goddess of wisdom. There are two smaller fountains on each side. Colorful cloths and banners hang from the windows of the courtyard in bright hues of red, gold and blue.

Dimensions

65 1/2 x 93 1/2 in. (166.4 x 237.5 cm) Overall, Frame: 77 1/4 x 105 1/2 x 3 1/2 in. (196.2 x 268 x 8.9 cm)