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JACQUES LEONARD (1909 - 1995)

Verbena de San Juan en la bodega Ca la Rosita,
Barcelona, 1960
Analogue photography

Measurements

18 cm x 24h cm

7,08 in x 9,44h in

Biography

In 1952 the French photographer Jacques Léonard set up in Barcelona after falling in love with Rosario Amaya, a gypsy from the slum housing on Montjuïc mountain who was a model for painters. Léonard's father was a gypsy and once he was accepted by the Amaya family he became part of the gypsy community at Montjuïc. This enabled him to photograph the community from within, but without compromising his professional vision for portraying reality. His images are an exceptional documentary archive showing the life of this Barcelona collective from the 50s through to the 70s.