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JACQUES LEONARD (1909 - 1995)

Vickie Ross, Barcelona, 1950 Analogue photography Barited with selenium bath

Measurements

30 cm x 30h cm 40 cm x 40h cm 50 cm x 50h cm 70 cm x 70h cm

11,81 in x 11,81h in 15,74 in x 15,74h in 19,68 in x 19,68h in 27,55 in x 27,55h 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.