

An excellent art exhibition

by Gonzalo Puerto

Yesterday the remarkable artist Ramón Lapayese, a man who belongs to a dynasty of artists, opened an excellent art exhibition.

In the Cartic Sala he has brought together oil on canvas paintings and bronze and wood sculptures.

It is significant that the personality, the tough personality of this man, is reflected in a uniform way in all of his work. This means that his way of expressing himself obeys some concrete, firm and ever-lasting convictions.

The themes are very diverse, but men and women are the main focus of most of his work. Men and animals, men and women, women and women; these characters in turn give him his themes, which are well captured, well conceived and well done.

He has a surprising command of technique for at each moment, in each occasion and for each theme he employs the most appropriate technique in order to achieve the desired result. Oil is used by Ramón Lapayese in its most diverse possibilities: pure or with additives, this artist superimposes and rubs the oil. It is no wonder that he is considered within the realm of international art.

His sculptures, in bronze as well as in wood, represent impressions of attraction and charm, thanks to their eurhythmy, their gestures and attitudes. Bullfights –which he certainly must like, as they are also a theme in his paintings– children, maternity and other human themes; Lapayese develops these themes with conviction and firmness, with grace and charm, through the solidness of the material.



Circus People, 1972. Bronze

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Nude, 1958. Oil on paper over board

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