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Butterfly Fairy

Signed Lower Left
Oil on Canvas
100 x 54 cm 39.4 x 21.25 in

Luis Ricardo Falero

1851-1896

Falero was Spanish born painter and a talented, precocious child.

His parents sent him for two years to Richmond college in England to learn the English language and also watercolour painting. He was only 9 years old when he left England to continue his studies in Paris. After which he went back to his country to join the Spanish navy, following the wishes of his parents. But at the age of 16, to their bitter disappointment, he left the service, walking all the way to Paris where he studied art, chemistry and mechanical engineering. However, the experiments he had to conduct during some of those studies turned out to be so dangerous that he decided to dedicate himself solely to art.

Favourite subjects for his paintings were female nudes, mostly with Orientalist elements, and also astronomy and magic (witches riding broomsticks, etc). He spent the final years of his life in London.