



Los Matachines (Alcalde)

Date

1987

Primary Maker

Bernadette Vigil

Medium

oil, canvas, wood (frame)

Description

The top half of two Matachine dancers take up most of the painting. The figures wear traditional Matachine costumes. The one in front wears a red mantle over a blue

under garment. He or she has a yellow layered scarf around the neck, carries a dance wand in the left hand and a cross-hatched rattle in the right and has a blue miter-like headdress with yellow fringe down over the face. The figure in back also wears a red mantle, has a layered yellow scarf around the neck, and has red miter-like headdress with yellow hanging fringe. Design elements in the miters and wand are crosses, stars, and ojos. In the background are a piñon studded hill and a full moon against a dark blue sky. Signed and dated in the lower right.

Dimensions

48 × 36 in. (121.92 × 91.44 cm) 55 × 42 × 1 1/2 in. (139.7 × 106.68 × 3.81 cm)