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Mirada Virtual (Virtual Glimpse)

Jose Enrique Gomis-Perlada
130 x 130 cm, oil on canvas

The overall impression of this painting is of freshness and positivism. An apparently blind woman is looking at the universe through devices that can help her see again. It is a new vision that opens the mind to other spaces and other events. This artwork represents the borderline between social and virtual reality. Technology is changing our society and we are able to "see" differently. Shall we be able to understand everything that we can see?

Jose Enrique Gomis-Perlada is an established artist from Alicante, Spain. His fresh style incorporating technological innovations and perspectives on the evolution of modern life is well represented in this artwork about vision and the present technological evolution of our society.

Description by Jorge L. Alió

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