



The Burning of Zozobra

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Primary Maker

Paul D. Holman, MD

Medium

oil on canvas (frame: carved and painted poplar)

Description

This painting of the burning of Zozobra show the crowd in the foreground, along with the fire dancers holding their torches beneath Zozobra in the moments before he his

set on fire. Fireworks in the background light the night sky. Holman wrote the following about The Burning of Zozobra: "The burning of Zozobra is one of the favorite festivals in Santa Fe. Each September fire is set to this 50 foot tall puppet, signaling the death of Old Man Gloom and burning up any worries the people may have. In this painting I tried to use every color in the box. I made the frame with poplar wood."

Dimensions

20 × 17 × 1 in. (50.8001 × 43.1801 × 2.54 cm)