



Maxfield Parrish

Title

The Knave of Hearts

Medium

Oil on composition board

Date

1922

Dimensions

23 1/4 × 19 1/2 in. (59.1 × 49.5 cm)

Accession number

84.11

Copyright

© artist, artist's estate, or other rights holders

Credit Line

Gift of Mrs. Eloise W. Choate, 1984

Web Description

This is one of twenty-six illustrations Parrish painted for the book version of *The Knave of Hearts*, Louise Saunders' play for children. Reflecting Parrish's interest in symmetrical composition and rich ornamentation, the arrangement features alternating convex and concave shapes accented by nearly identical figures. The glowing landscapes suggest the fairy-tale world the reader is about to enter.