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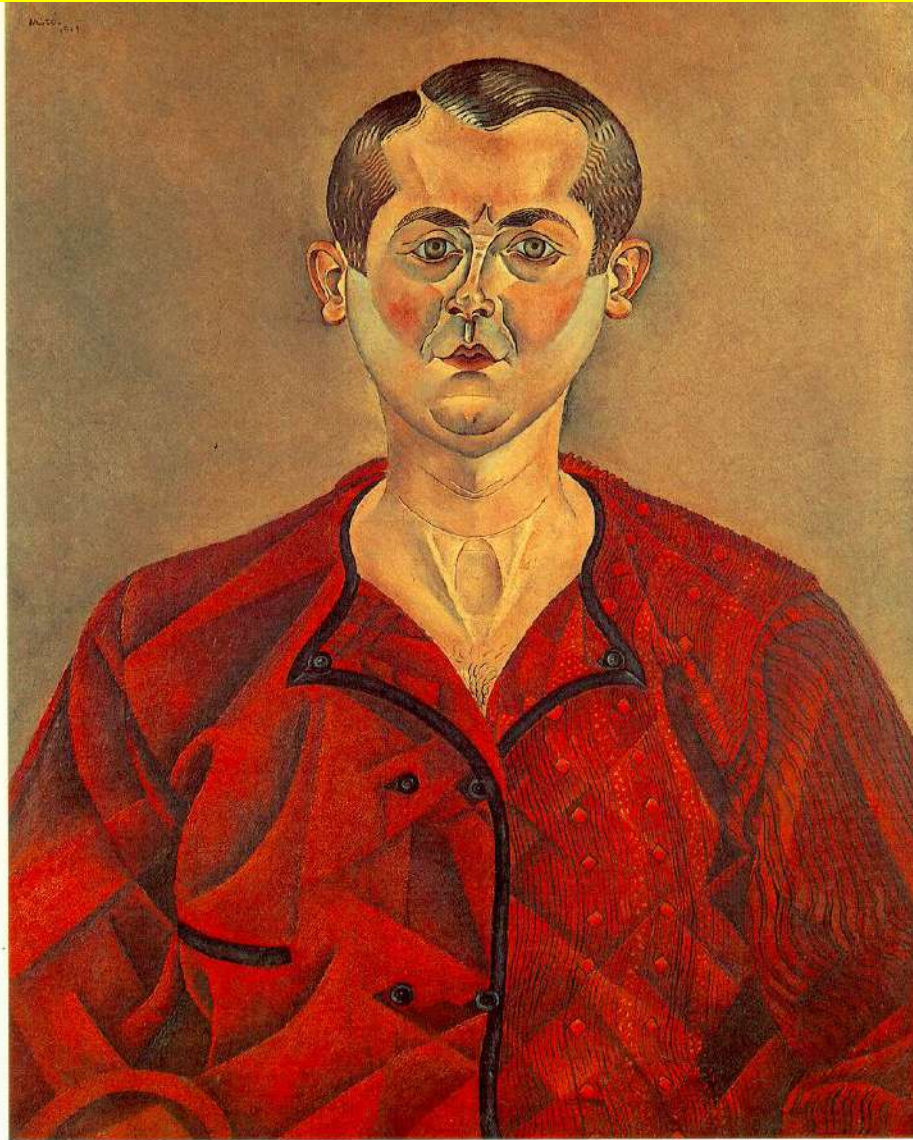


Born April 20<sup>th</sup> 1893, in Barcelona, Spain.

Died December 25<sup>th</sup>, 1983 in Palma Spain.

His family were jewelry smiths. They were unhappy when he decided to attend art school, because there was no money in it.

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His early work was somewhat realistic, and greatly inspired by popular artists of that time period (Paul Cezanne)

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Eventually Miro developed his own style that fit into the Surrealist movement. Although most Surrealists created realistic dream like images he created abstract images.

This painting is called "Woman Dreaming Of Escape". Can you find the woman? What is she trying to escape from?

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Miró famously declared that he wished to "Assassinate painting".

He was tired of the way an authentic art style would be taken over and similar styles would be used to further political agendas.

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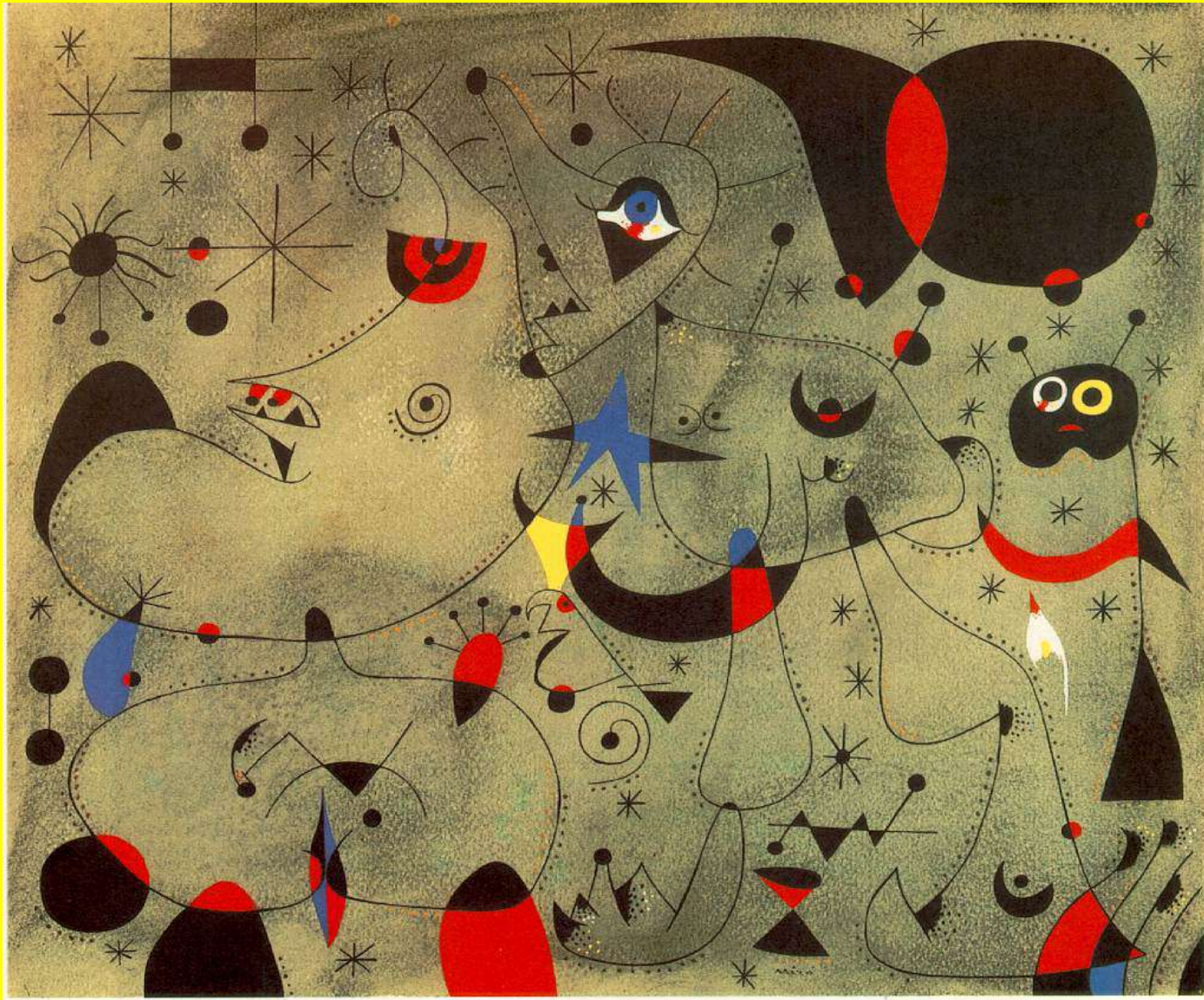


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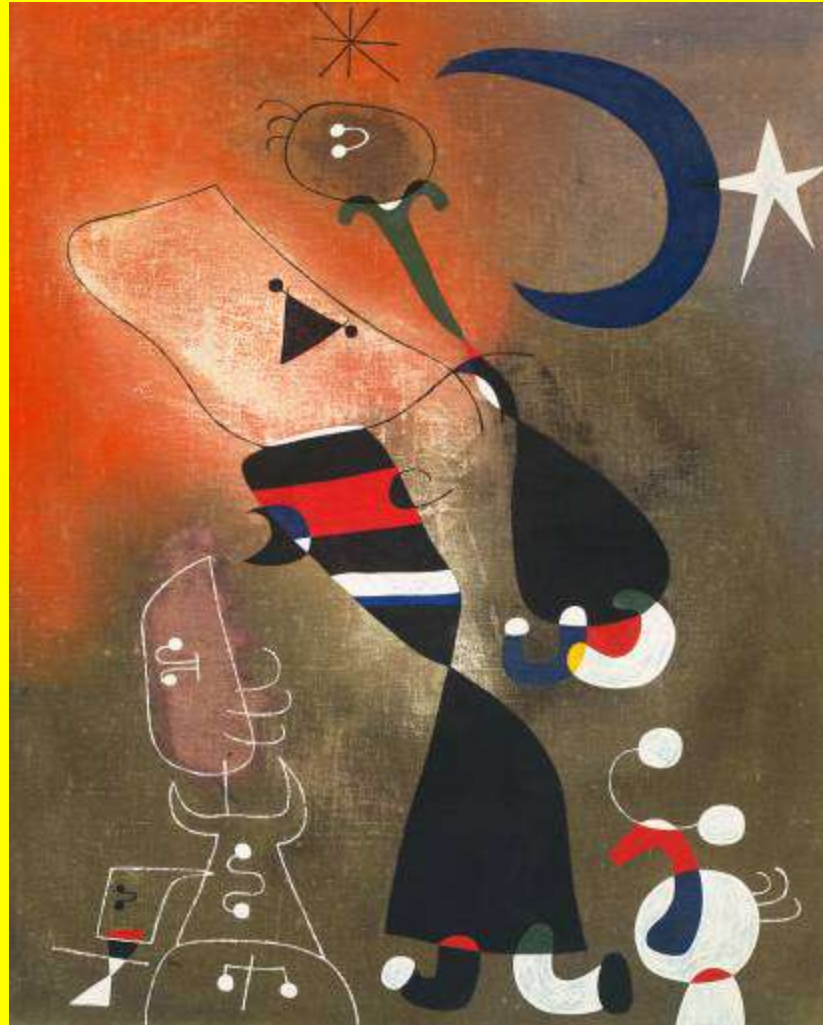




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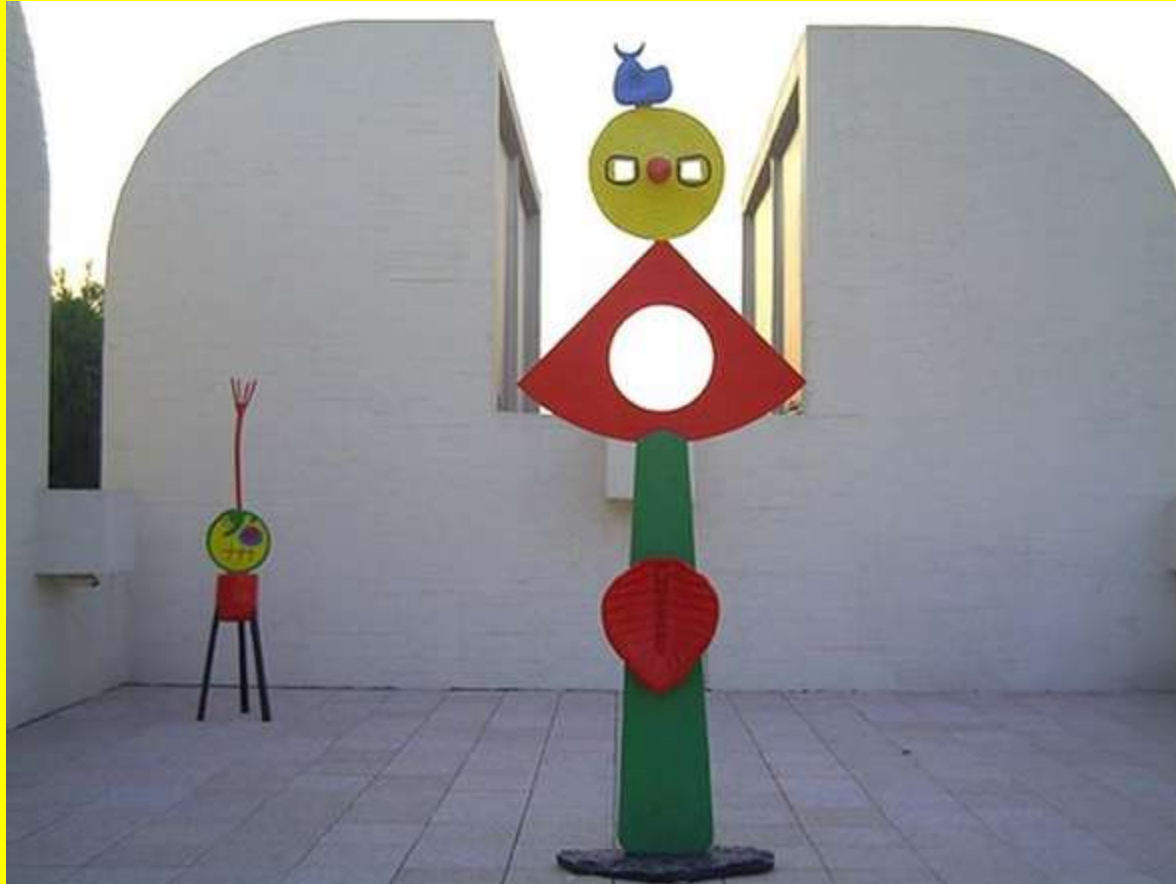
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This sculpture can be found in Chicago across the street from a famous Picasso sculpture.



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In Spain (where Miro was from) several businesses have made logos that pay tribute to his influence.

This bank chain uses a star with 2 dots to represent a child depositing a coin in a piggy bank.