



“La Femme Dangereuse”

CR Rousseau
Oil on Canvas
48 in x 48 in
\$4400

Visual Inspiration for Artist, CR Rousseau

This vibrant work was inspired by the infamous, green Versace dresses worn by Jennifer Lopez Versace in 2000 and 2019. In fact, it was the most searched dress on the internet, inspiring Google to create Google Images.

While the 2000 and 2019 dresses were different, both were made of a sheer chiffon and decorated with an assortment of leafy greenery and palms. Donatella Versace, who was inspired by the work of her late brother, Gianni Versace, designed this dress. She loved Gianni Versace’s bold and flamboyant designs and created this as a tribute to her brother’s signature style. The original dress became an instant icon after Lopez wore it to the Grammy Awards, helping launch Lopez’s career as a fashion icon and is recognizable dresses in fashion history.

In this painting, I present a peaceful and centering canvas, shaped within an expansion of centered light at the top with layers that blow outward in a inferred heart-shape composition. In the Sacral Chakra position on the canvas, it is weighted by circle etchings that signify balance and interconnectedness, inspired by the shape of the brooch centered on each Versace dress.

The painting flows outward like the energy of a dress when the hemline is thrown outward with passionate vitality by the woman wearing it. Experimenting in a fauvist style using bold and expressive brushstrokes, I used colors that are soft, light in application, yet rich with a predominance of green and blue. My overall intent for this work is a feeling of softness, warmth and a natural opulence.