

***The Gift***

Oil on canvas

1980

Lisbon, Portugal

Martha Cohen da Cunha Telles

1930-2001

Portuguese

Martha Cohen da Cunha Telles, was born in Madeira in 1930 and died in 2001 at Estoril. She was a Naturalized Canadian. She was a simple woman, who believed that you paint what you feel, and the things around you - your home, your family, your traditions, the flowers, and life as you see it.

She was the third of five children and the daughter of a lawyer and philanthropist and opera singer. She took a course in painting at the Higher School of Porto in the late fifties.

After travelling the world, from Europe to the United States, she held several exhibitions. She studied with the painter Vieira da Silva. She toured Denmark, Italy, and Mexico and she held teaching positions in Lisbon and Mozambique.