

Diego Velazquez. The Maids of Honor. 1656.

Diego was a Spanish painter, leading artist in the court of King Philip IV.

Young Infanta Margarita, eldest daughter of the new Queen, is surrounded by her entourage



oil painting

Diego Velázquez portrays himself.

This painting is also known as "Las Meninas".

The entourage includes maids of honor, chaperone, bodyguard, two dwarves and a dog.

A mirror hangs in the background and reflects the upper bodies of the king and queen.

It has been speculated that their image is a reflection from the painting Velázquez is shown working on.