

A Gathering Of Familiars (2016)

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Most people know from reading books or watching movies that witches have animal assistants, known as familiars, usually portrayed as cats. This 10x8 acrylic painting presents a gathering of cats (or familiars) which are surrounding a crystal ball. Most of the color and sense of depth comes from the crystal ball and the magical sparks and beams of light that are radiating from it. This whimsical work of art shows very well in low light.

The Bible speaks of witches. They are often mentioned along with soothsayers, sorcerers, and magicians. As far back as the book of Exodus the scripture tells us that we should not suffer a witch to live. But what of the familiars that are rumored to spy for the witches, or even suck the breath from new born babies? Do they themselves possess magical abilities; are they sentient beings capable of understanding the language of man? I guess we'll never know. For that matter we don't even know that they truly exist and personally I'm not at all eager to find out!

