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Robert Mapplethorpe: The Perfect Medium
March 15–July 31, 2016

Robert Mapplethorpe (American, 1946–1989) is among the most influential visual artists of the late twentieth century. This major retrospective exhibition reexamines the arc of his photographic work from its humble beginnings in the early 1970s to the culture wars of the 1990s. Drawn from the landmark acquisition made in 2011 from the Robert Mapplethorpe Foundation, the exhibition mixes Mapplethorpe’s most iconic images with lesser-known photographs. Two complementary presentations, one at the J. Paul Getty Museum and another at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, are designed to highlight different aspects of the artist’s complex personality.

Curator: Paul Martineau

The Thrill of the Chase: The Wagstaff Collection of Photographs
March 15–July 31, 2016

In 1973, with the assistance of his lover Robert Mapplethorpe, Samuel J. Wagstaff Jr. (American, 1921–1987) came to realize that photography was an underappreciated and undervalued art form. Over the next decade, Wagstaff assembled one of the most important private collections of photographs in the world. In 1984 he sold it to the J. Paul Getty Museum, where it became part of a group of major acquisitions that formed the Department of Photographs. This three-gallery exhibition presents a selection of Wagstaff’s collection, encompassing both masterpieces of the medium and obscure works that deserve attention.

Curator: Paul Martineau
Roman Mosaics across the Empire
March 30–January 1, 2016

Roman decor was unique for the elaborate mosaic floors that transformed entire rooms into spectacular settings of vibrant color, figural imagery, and geometric design. Scenes from mythology, daily life, the natural world, and spectacles in the arena enlivened interior spaces and reflected the cultural ambitions of wealthy patrons. Drawn primarily from the Getty Museum’s collection, this exhibition presents the artistry of mosaics as well as the contexts of their discovery across Rome’s expanding empire—from its center in Italy to provinces in North Africa, southern Gaul, and ancient Syria.

Curators: Alexis Belis (lead), Claire Lyons

In Focus: Electric!
April 5–August 28, 2016

Electrical innovations have radically transformed the rhythm of our days and our experience of darkness. Photographers have been attentive to such changes, capturing both excitement and concern about the electrical forces that energize our lives. Drawn from the Getty Museum’s permanent collection, this exhibition highlights historic photographs that showcase the allure of artificial illumination as well as recent photographs that express unease about life tethered to the power grid.

Curator: Mazie Harris
**Cave Temples of Dunhuang: Buddhist Art on China’s Silk Road**
May 7–September 4, 2016

The Mogao caves, located near the town of Dunhuang in the Gobi Desert of northwest China, comprise some 500 decorated Buddhist cave temples dating from the 4th to the 14th centuries. Filled with exquisite wall paintings and sculptures, the caves bear witness to the intense religious, artistic, and cultural exchanges along the Silk Road, the trade routes linking East and West. *Cave Temples of Dunhuang: Buddhist Art on China's Silk Road* features numerous objects originally from the site—such as paintings and manuscripts that have rarely, if ever, traveled to the United States, as well as three spectacular full-size cave replicas. The exhibition celebrates more than 25 years of collaboration between the Getty Conservation Institute and the Dunhuang Academy to preserve this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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**Unruly Nature: The Landscapes of Théodore Rousseau**
June 21–September 11, 2016

Though his reputation was eclipsed in the early twentieth century with the triumph of Impressionism, Théodore Rousseau (1812–1867) was one of the giants of French landscape in the second half of the nineteenth century, and his work was avidly collected for staggering sums across Europe and North America. Bringing together about seventy-five paintings and drawings, this international loan exhibition explores the astonishing technical and stylistic variety of his work, revealing him to be one of the most exciting, experimental, and affecting artists of his day.

This exhibition was co-organized by the J. Paul Getty Museum and the Ny Carlsberg Collection.

Curators: Scott Allan (lead), Edouard Kopp
**London Calling: Bacon, Freud, Kossoff, Andrews, Auerbach, and Kitaj**  
July 26-November 13, 2016

Between the 1940s and 1980s, when contemporary art was dominated by abstraction, conceptualism, and minimalism, a group of painters in London doggedly pursued the depiction of the human figure and everyday landscape, forging startling new approaches and styles. Drawn largely from the unrivaled holdings of the Tate in London, this is the first major exhibition in the U.S. to consider the work of six of the leaders of this “School of London” — Francis Bacon, Lucian Freud, Leon Kossoff, Michael Andrews, Frank Auerbach, and R. B. Kitaj — collectively, providing a timely reassessment of their extraordinary achievement.

**Things Unseen: Vision, Belief, and Experience in Illuminated Manuscripts**  
July 12–September 25, 2016

Drawn primarily from the Getty Museum’s permanent collection of manuscripts, this exhibition explores the visual challenges artists faced as they sought to render miraculous encounters with the divine, grand visions of the end of time, the intricacies of belief, and the intimate communications of prayer. These “unseen” spiritual experiences, recorded by Jewish and Christian authors in antiquity, were translated in new ways by the illuminators of medieval and Renaissance books. Rather than simply narrating otherworldly events, the innovative images in this exhibition offer visual entry points to the ineffable nature of faith.

Curators: Kristen Collins and Rheagan Martin
**Real/Ideal: Photography in France, 1847–1860**

August 30–November 27, 2016

Between the first French publication on the paper negative in 1847 and more-streamlined mechanical advancements in the 1860s, dynamic debates were waged in France regarding photography's prospects in the divergent fields of art and science. At the same time, novelists and painters were bringing everyday subjects—rather than idealized, academic themes—to the forefront of the artistic imagination, forging a new art for this era of social, economic, and political change. Organized around the Getty Museum's holdings and supplemented with important international loans, this exhibition highlights the work of four photographers who were integral to the development of paper photography: Édouard Baldus, Gustave Le Gray, Henri Le Secq, and Charles Nègre. Curator: Karen Hellman

**Richard Learoyd: In the Studio**

August 30–November 27, 2016

The contemplative mood and mesmerizing level of detail in the large-scale color photographs of Richard Learoyd (English, born 1966) present an uncanny intimacy between the depicted subject and the viewer. Working in his East London studio, the photographer utilizes a room-sized camera obscura with a fixed lens to make unique direct-positive prints. Eschewing digital technologies, his method emphasizes the creative potential of working under self-imposed restrictions. This is the first exhibition in an American museum to examine Learoyd's studio-based practice.

Curator: Arpad Kovacs
Recent Acquisitions in Focus: Latent Narratives  
September 13, 2016–January 29, 2017

Presenting photographs by William Leavitt, Liza Ryan, Fazal Sheikh, and Whitney Hubbs, this exhibition features multipart works that juxtapose images of people, places, and things in fragmentary, enigmatic narratives. When sequenced by the artist in a specific order, the images recall storyboards used for motion pictures or animation; when excerpted from a larger series, they suggest a stream-of-consciousness meditation on a theme. On view at the Getty Museum for the first time since acquired, many of the works were donated or purchased with funds provided by our donors.

Curator: Virginia Heckert

Drawing: The Art of Change  
October 4, 2016–January 1, 2017

More than any other medium, drawing conveys the evolution of artistic ideas with great immediacy. Drawing sheets often bear traces—crossed-out lines, repositioned figures, cut and pasted forms—of an artist's change of mind during the creative process. The works in Drawing: The Art of Change, all from the Getty's permanent collection, showcase the crucial role revision plays in artistic practice.

Curator: Stephanie Schrader
The Alchemy of Color in Medieval Manuscripts
October 11, 2016–January 8, 2017

During the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, the manufacture of pigments and colored inks used for painting and writing manuscripts was part of the science of alchemy, a precursor of modern chemistry concerned with the transformation of matter. This exhibition examines colorants made from plants, minerals, and metals as well as medieval recipes for pigments and imitation gold in a presentation that highlights the Getty’s ongoing research into the materials used by book illuminators.

Curator: Nancy Turner

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The Shimmer of Gold: Giovanni di Paolo in Renaissance Siena ~ The Branchini Altarpiece
October 11, 2016 – January 8, 2017

Giovanni di Paolo (about 1399–1482), manuscript illuminator and panel painter, was one of the most distinctive and imaginative artists in Renaissance Siena. He received prestigious commissions over the course of his lengthy career, including the important Branchini Altarpiece of 1427. Presented together probably for the first time since its dispersal, the altarpiece will be displayed alongside works on panel and on parchment by Giovanni and his close collaborators and contemporaries. The exhibition also offers insights into his technique of working with and on gold to create masterful luminous effects.

Curators: Yvonne Szafran, Bryan Keene, and Davide Gasparotto

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Breaking News
December 20, 2016–April 30, 2017

Beginning in the 1960s, artists increasingly turned to news media—both printed and televised—as a rich source of inspiration. Breaking News presents work by nineteen such artists who have employed appropriation, juxtaposition, and mimicry, among other means, to create photographs and videos that effectively comment on the role of the news media in determining the meaning of images.

Curator: Arpad Kovacs
**Bouchardon: Royal Artist of the Enlightenment**  
January 10–April 2, 2017

One of the most imaginative and fascinating artists of eighteenth-century France, Edme Bouchardon (1698–1762) was instrumental in the transition from Rococo to Neoclassicism. Much celebrated in his time as both a sculptor and draftsman, he created some of the best-known images of the age of Louis XV. This exhibition is a testament to the remarkable variety of his oeuvre—copies after the antique, subjects of history and mythology, portraiture, anatomical studies, ornament, fountains, and tombs—and to his masterful techniques in drawings, sculptures, medals, and prints.

Curator: Anne-Lise Desmas

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**The Sculptural Line**  
January 17–April 16, 2017

Including drawings from the fifteenth through the twentieth century, this exhibition presents the role sculpture can play in the art of drawing, as well as the function of drawing in the act of sculpting. It comprises some of the most spectacular sheets from the Getty Museum’s collection, such as Goya’s *Pygmalion and Galatea* and Rodin’s *Sphinx*, as well as bronzes by Foggini and Degas. In particular, drawings after ancient statuary illustrate how it inspired the work of artists from the Renaissance onward. The display coincides with the Getty’s exhibition on Edme Bouchardon, accomplished sculptor and prolific draftsman.

Curator: Ketty Gottardo
Remembering Antiquity: The Ancient World through Medieval Eyes
January 24–June 4, 2017

Featuring illuminated manuscripts and antiquities from the Getty Museum’s collection, this exhibition explores medieval responses to the classical world. For over a millennium following the fall of Rome, the culture of antiquity was remembered, performed, and preserved through visual arts, ceremony, and monastic book culture. At the hands of medieval authors, the narratives of ancient rulers and mythic heroes were adapted and embellished for inclusion in religious texts. People saw themselves as part of a rich classical heritage that was sustained and transmitted through the work of medieval artisans.

Curators: Kristen Collins, Kenneth Lapatin, and Rheagan Martin

Jane and Louise Wilson: Sealander
February 14–July 2, 2017

Working collaboratively since 1989, identical twin sisters Jane and Louise Wilson create powerful, compelling photographs, videos, and installations that explore historical events and architectural spaces that resonate with power. Their Sealander series presents images of abandoned World War II bunkers along the Normandy coastline of northern France. The monumental scale and monochromatic palette of the photographs merge time and space, past and present, man-made structure and natural environment, land and sea. The exhibition was made possible by a generous gift and loans to the Getty Museum.

Curator: Virginia Heckert

Eyewitness Views: Making History in the Capitals of Eighteenth-Century Europe
May 9–July 30, 2017

From Vienna to Paris and Madrid to London, from the Doge’s Palace to St. Peter’s Square, Europe’s most iconic cityscapes and monuments have played host to magnificent ceremonies. During the golden age of view painting in the eighteenth century, princes, popes, magistrates, and ambassadors commissioned artists such as Canaletto and Panini to create depictions of important moments, ranging from a regatta on the Grand Canal to an eruption of Vesuvius. This first-ever exhibition focusing on images of contemporary events includes over fifty works, many never seen before in America. Turning the viewer into an eyewitness, the paintings bring the spectacle and drama of historical scenes to life.

Curator: Peter Björn Kerber
The Lure of Italy
May 9–July 30, 2017

From the crumbling ruins of ancient Rome to the crystal clear light of Venice, Italy has fascinated travelers and artists for centuries. Painters and draftsmen have found inspiration not only in the cities but also in the countryside and in the deep history and culture. Visiting from France, England, the Netherlands, and Germany, artists drew sketches to preserve vivid memories, creating works of extraordinary atmosphere and beauty. Their Italian counterparts responded to the tourist demand for souvenirs by crafting their own masterpieces. Featuring works from the Getty Museum’s collection by R. P. Bonington, Claude Lorrain, Giovanni Battista Lusieri, and Canaletto, this exhibition captures the essence and spirit of Italy.

Curator: Julian Brooks

Now Then: Chris Killip and the Making of “In Flagrante”
May 23–August 13, 2017

Poetic, penetrating, and often heartbreaking, Chris Killip’s In Flagrante remains the most important photobook to document the devastating impact of deindustrialization on working-class communities in northern England in the 1970s and 1980s. Comprising fifty photographs—all drawn from the collection of the J. Paul Getty Museum—In Flagrante serves as the foundation of this exhibition, which includes maquettes, contact sheets, and work prints that reveal the artist’s working process. Now Then also showcases material from two related projects—Seacoal and Skinningrove—that Killip developed in the 1980s, featured selectively in In Flagrante, and revisited decades later.

Curator: Amanda Maddox

Thomas Annan: Photographer of Glasgow
May 23–August 13, 2017

During the rise of industry in nineteenth-century Scotland, Thomas Annan ranked as the preeminent photographer in Glasgow. Best known for his haunting images of tenements on the verge of demolition—often considered precursors of the documentary tradition in photography—he prodigiously recorded the people, the social landscape, and the built environment of Glasgow and its outskirts for more than twenty-five years. This exhibition is the first to survey his industrious career and legacy as photographer and printer.

Curator: Amanda Maddox
Happy Birthday, David Hockney
June 27–October 15, 2017

To celebrate David Hockney’s eightieth birthday and his long and continuing artistic career, this exhibition features one of the Getty Museum’s most iconic works—Pearblossom Hwy., 11–18th April 1986, #2—alongside a small selection of drawn and photographic self-portraits borrowed from the artist’s studio. Hockney’s famous photo collage is remarkable both for its synthesis of mundane observations of a road trip to California’s Antelope Valley and for its innovative reimagining of perspectival vision. Laced with the same wit and sensitivity, the self-portraits display an intense scrutiny of the artist’s features over a period of more than fifty years.

Curators: Julian Brooks and Virginia Heckert

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