

Originals of Great Masters Coming Here

The most important and valuable collection of art yet shown by the Art Center will go on view Friday when original work by some of the world's greatest artists will be displayed.

To show an original Whistler, Rembrandt or Picasso alone would be an outstanding event and, not only these artists, but 43 others, through six centuries of art, are represented. It is a rare opportunity to see the actual work of familiar and great names in art history. It is in such work as these etchings and lithographs that these artists, free from patrons' demands and restrictions, gave freest expression to their creative abilities.

Beginning with work by Pollaiuolo, 15th century Italian artist, the exhibition continues with work by such magic names as Albrecht Durer, van Leyden, Van Dyke, Claude Lorraine, Rembrandt, Ruysdael, Tiepolo, Hogarth, Fragonard, Goya, Turner, Daumier, Millet, to artists of recent and modern times as Manet, Rodin, Whistler, Renoir, Forain, Zorn, Pennell, Crocco and Picasso.

One of the greatest collectors in the world has made possible this exhibition for Salem. Leasing J. Rosenwald of Philadelphia has realized, as few collectors do, the value of making original art by great masters available to be seen by everyone. He consented to lend this exhibition for a tour of all the art centers, and it will be on view here for three weeks.

"Battle of the Nudes," an engraving by Antonio Pollaiuolo, one of the most famous goldsmiths, sculptors and painters of his time, is typical of his treatment of the nude, which Vasari said was more modern than that of any of the masters which preceded him. He dissected many bodies to examine their anatomy, and was the first to represent the proper action of the muscles.

Durer Work Shown
Albrecht Durer, the greatest figure of 16th century Germany, is represented by an original woodcut, "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," an engraving, "Adam and Eve," and a portrait-engraving of Phillip Melancthon, the colleague of Luther in the Reformation. The inscription under the portrait says that Durer could depict the features of the living Phillip, but the skilled hand could not depict his mind, Lucas van Leyden, of the Netherlands school, working the same time as Durer, is represented by an engraving, "David Playing on the Harp Before Saul."

Many less known artists are represented, including Aldergerver, Raimondi, and Campagna, as typical of 16th century work in Italy and Germany. Work of Anthony Van Dyck is included with an etching of Judocus de Momper. It is said that Van Dyck perfected a method for setting down the external features of a sitter without prying too deep into his essential character, which

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these last one hundred and fifty years, both in himself and for the influence. His only peers are Rembrandt and Daumier who approached humanity from the side of life and understanding. Two of his works, an etching and a lithograph are shown. One is from "Bulls of Bordeaux" and the other his famous "La Garrote."

The exhibition turns again to England with an example in mezzotint by J. M. W. Turner, of a landscape showing the junction of the Wye and Severn rivers. Noted chiefly as a keen recorder of contemporary life of his time, Honore Daumier of France is now known as one of the truly great artists of all time. He produced over four thousand lithographs in addition to his paintings and numerous drawings. One of his chief delights was in caricaturing members of the corrupt Chamber of Deputies. From a series of these, his "Legislative Paunch" is shown. Another is "Gentlemen of Justice" which litters satirizes lawyers of his time.

Familiar to everyone is the work of Jean Francois Millet, with his paintings of "The Angelus" and "Man With the Hoe." An etching of

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