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Joan Miró: Instinct & Imagination Explores 20th Century Master Spanish Painter and Sculptor

DENVER – Sept. 18, 2014 – The Denver Art Museum (DAM) presents Joan Miró: Instinct & Imagination, on view March 22, 2015 through June 28, 2015. The exhibition focuses on the remarkable inventions of this Spanish artist during the last two decades of his life, starting in the 1960s, with a special emphasis on paintings, sculptures and drawings. During this time, Miró continued the inventive, freely developed forms for which he is known, and began exploring new materials including bronze. The exhibition is a rare opportunity for Colorado audiences to experience a significant collection of Miró’s work.

“Miró’s boundless creativity continued into old age,” said Gwen Chanzit, curator of modern and contemporary art of the DAM. “Our visitors will experience the rich conversations between paintings and sculptures—some of which incorporate found objects, and all of which draw on fantasy and imagination, such as his freely developed forms of women, birds and stars.”

The exhibition has been organized by the Seattle Art Museum and the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía (MNCARS) in Madrid, featuring more than 50 artworks created between 1963 and 1981, and entirely drawn from the MNCARS collection. Miró’s sculptures have rarely traveled outside of Europe.

“While Miró has many devotees, we hope new audiences will embrace his whimsical artistic approach, and will experience what an incredible impact he had on modern art worldwide,” said Christoph Heinrich, Frederick and Jan Mayer director of the DAM. “Miró’s imaginative artwork has appeal for visitors and families of all ages.”

Joan Miró: Instinct & Imagination will be on view in the DAM’s Gallagher Family Gallery on level one of the Frederic C. Hamilton Building and will be included in general admission. Exhibition programming will feature Miró-inspired theatrical performances and
also will offer unique assemblage and painting experiences in the DAM Studio. Family-friendly hours will also be offered on select weekends for museum members and the general public.

**Exhibition Catalogue**
An exhibition catalogue published by the Seattle Art Museum in collaboration with the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía and in association with Yale University Press, New Haven and London, will be available in The Shop at the Denver Art Museum.

**Exhibition Tour Schedule**
The traveling exhibition was previously on view at the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University from Sept. 11, 2014–Feb. 22, 2015 and at the Seattle Art Museum in early 2014.

**Exhibition Organizers and Sponsors**
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