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Gilden's Arts Gallery is delighted to present a wide selection of works by three major Spanish Masters of the 20th Century: Pablo Picasso, Joan Miró and Salvador Dalí. These artists expressed their creativity through different techniques and we are proud to exhibit a variety of works in various media: ceramics, drawings and prints. The three Catalan artists derived inspiration from local traditions while contributing with their own innovations to international modernism.

Our commitment to promote works by such important figures of Modern Art is ongoing, and we hope that this catalogue will both be inspiring and raise an interest in the three key personalities of 20th Century Spanish Art

All works in the catalogue are for sale, with prices ranging from £350 to £21,000. Each work is accompanied by the gallery's certificate of authenticity.

Pablo Picasso



Pablo Picasso (Málaga 1881-1973 Mougins) was without a doubt a true genius. Foremost Picasso was an individualist. He was a founder of art movements, such as Cubism, but paradoxically refused to do what other people did, and whenever the art world caught up with him and thought they knew what to expect, he would change completely and surprise them.

During his lifetime, Pablo Picasso created around 2,000 different prints in a variety of techniques. For the first forty years the master concentrated on the intaglio prints. The one hundred fine etchings of the Vollard Suite are widely considered his the best achievements in printmaking. The series was realised between 1930 and 1937 and it is named after the French art dealer and critic Ambroise Vollard, with whom Picasso had a very close working relationship.



Pablo Picasso



Seated Woman and Woman from the Back, from 'La Suite Vollard', 1934 Original Hand Signed Etching on Montval paper 44.5 x 34.5 cm / 17.5 x 13.6 in

Two Nude Women, One of them in a Tree, 1931 Original Hand Signed and Hand Numbered Etching on Arches vellum paper. 63 x 48.5 cm / 24.8 x 19 in

Pablo Picasso









"All children are artists. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up".

Pablo Picasso

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Pablo Picasso



Provenance: The collection of Ines and Gerard Sassier, France.

Picasso had two great confidants in his life: Ines Sassier and Jaume Sabartés. During the time of her acquaintanceship with Picasso, Ines was given a number of works consisting of graphics, illustrated books, autographs, letters and, especially, drawings made by the artist for her son Gerard Sassier. For the most part these consisted of sketches showing childish scenes such as animals, farm life and circuses.

Horse / Donkey

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Original Double-Sided Multicolour Crayon Drawing on paper $12 \times 20 \text{ cm} / 4.68 \times 7.80 \text{ in}$ Accompanied by a certificate by Maya Picasso, daughter of the artist

The Cock

Original Multicolour Crayon Drawing on paper $13 \times 20.5 \text{ cm} / 5 \times 8 \text{ in}$ Accompanied by a certificate by Maya Picasso, daughter of the artist



Pablo Picasso



Still life is a crucial motif in Picasso's oeuvre. It is interesting to compare two completely different approaches to the theme. Still Life with Pears is a Cubist composition, which reflects the interest in geometry expressed by the artist during his Cubist period. With Georges Braque, Pablo Picasso was the cofounder of the Cubist Movement in 1907. On the contrary, Still Life with Pitcher and Lemon, realised in circa 1955, reflects a new interest in classicism, far from the rigors of his Cubist works.



Picasso created a number of art posters for exhibitions and cultural institutions. Posters for his own shows were done for galleries with which he had close ties. The Sala Gaspar in Barcelona deserves to be mentioned as the only gallery in Spain that dared regular shows by the artist despite his proscription by Franco regime.

Pablo Picasso

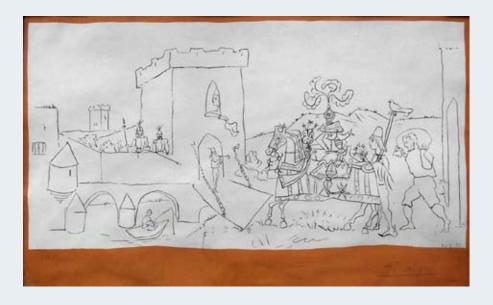


Campaigners for peace around the world adopted the dove of peace created by Picasso. Doves also had a high personal significance for the artist, going back to the childhood memories of his father painting the doves they had at home. Picasso and Françoise Gilot even named their daughter Paloma, Spanish for "Dove", testifying the importance of doves to the artist.

Original Hand Signed Lithograph in colours on Rives vellum paper
75 x 52.5 cm / 29.5 x 24.4 in



Pablo Picasso



The knight is an excellent example of the playful and iconic motifs to be found in Picasso's oeuvre. The main thematic source for the Master was "Don Quixote" by Miguel de Cervantes, the most influential work of literature from the Spanish Golden Age, published between 1605 and 1615.



The artist's studio is an emblematic motif in Picasso's late oeuvre. For Picasso, this was not only a place to work in, but also a social space to avoid total

isolation. Here we present four different interpretations of the theme, dating

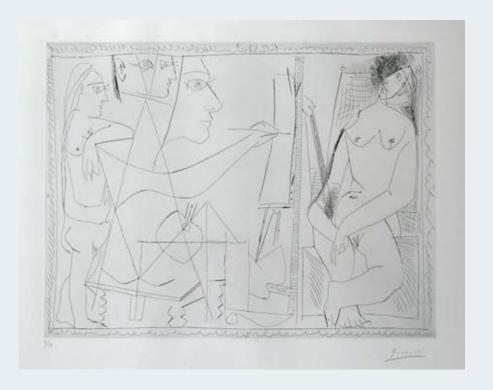
Pablo Picasso



between 1955 and 1966.

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Original Hand Signed and Numbered Aquatint on Arches wove paper 57 x 76 cm / 22.4 x 29 in



Pablo Picasso



The artist's studio was the place where Picasso talked to collectors, negotiated with merchants, conversed with critics, seduced his muses and lovers, and meditated about art and his life's experiences. The woman is often present in his studies of the studio, not unusually to eroticise the work.

Original Hand Signed and hand numbered Etching & Drypoint on wove paper $31.1 \times 41.6 \text{ cm} / 12.3 \times 16.4 \text{ in}$

Original Hand Signed and Numbered Etching and Aquatint on BFK vellum paper $49 \times 64 \text{ cm} / 19.3 \times 25.2 \text{ in}$



Picasso was a "Bohemian Casanova". Fernande, Eva, Olga, Marie-Thérèse, Dora, Françoise, Jacqueline: these are some of the women who had crucial role in the art and life of Picasso. They were his driving force, his muses, and he used them all, creating and implementing through them his artistic dynamism in the world of art.

Pablo Picasso



Large Profile - Portrait of Françoise, 1947

on Arches vellum paper

 $65 \times 50 \text{ cm} / 28.6 \times 19.7 \text{ in}$

Original Hand Signed and Numbered Lithograph

Woman in the Mirror with a Spectator, 1965

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on thick vellum paper 33 x 45 cm / 13 x 17.7 in



Joan Miró (Montroig 1893-1983 Mallorca) fascination and interest in myth starts from his Catalan traditions. In Barcelona, the same place where Picasso started, he inherited the provocateur spirit of the avant-garde movements. This helped him in finding the freedom to express himself, with no obligation of showing recognisable objects, on the way to the expressive anarchy of the Surrealism. The study of the colours was crucial in his oeuvre during all his lifetime. But, especially after the Second World War, Miró experimented with new chromatic solutions.

Joan Miró



"What I am seeking... is a motionless movement, something equivalent to what is called the eloquence of silence".

Joan Miró

Original Hand Signed and Numbered Aquatint in colours on vellum paper $75 \times 105 \text{ cm} / 29.5 \times 41.3 \text{ in}$

on glossy Japan paper
40.5 x 32.7 cm / 15.9 x 12.9 in



Joan Miró



Plate 2 from "Miró Lithograph I", 1972 Original Hand Signed and Numbered Lithograph in Colours on Arches wove paper 44.8 x 37 cm / 17.6 x 14.6 in

Plate 14 from "Miró Lithographs II", 1975 Original Hand Signed and Numbered Lithograph in Colours on Arches vellum paper 44.5 x 37 cm / 17.5 x 14.6 in



"I try to apply colours like words that shape poems, like notes that shape music".

Joan Miró

Joan Miró



The Lizard with Goldfeathers, 1971

Original Hand Signed and Inscribed Lithograph in colours on Kochi-Japon paper $35.5 \times 50 \text{ cm} / 14 \times 19.7 \text{ in}$



Joan Miró



The Demi-Mondaine by the Window, 1975 Original Hand Signed and Numbered Etching and Aquatint in Colours on vellum paper 92 x 63.5 cm / 36.2 x 25 in

Woman, 1958 Hand Signed and Numbered Lithograph in colours on Arches vellum paper 65.3 x 47.7 cm / 25.7 x 18.8 in



Joan Miró



"Little by little, I've reached the stage of using only a small number of forms and colours. It's not the first time that painting has been done with a very narrow range of colours. The frescoes of the tenth century are painted like this. For me, they are magnificent things".

Joan Miró

Perseids, 1970

Original Hand Signed and Hand Numbered Lithograph in colours on Japan paper $66 \times 51 \text{ cm} / 26 \times 20.1 \text{ in}$

4 Original Signed in the Plate and Hand Numbered Lithographs in colours on Arches vellum paper 33 x 25 cm / 13 x 10 in



Joan Miró



This work typifies Miró's sense of wonder of nature, using motifs such as the bird, which became an essential theme in his iconography of the 1940s. Recognisable objects, which were represented as symbols, reflect the artist's belief that a form is never something abstract, but it is always a sign of something.

The Book of the Six Senses, plate V, 1981

Original Hand Signed and Numbered Etching and Aquatint in Colours on Guarro vellum paper 72 x 54 cm / 28.5 x 21.3 in



Joan Miró



"My characters have undergone the same process of simplification as the colours. Now that they have been simplified, they appear more human and alive than if they had been represented in all their details".

Joan Miró



This Cubist still life is a very unusual work in the artist's oeuvre. The young Miró was strongly affected by the Cubist Movement in his work before 1920. At that time, he was most influenced by the French painter Paul Cézanne.

Joan Miró



Miró was a Surrealist artist all his life. Surrealism was a fusion of reality and dream, a beyond reality state. Breton, the father of the movement, felt that Miró's work derives from innocence and freedom.

Hand Signed, Dated and Numbered Etching and Aquatint in colours on BFK Rives paper 63.5 x 75 cm / 25 x 29.5 in

Hand Signed, Numbered and Dated Etching with Aquatint in colours on Arches vellum paper $50.5 \times 65 \text{ cm} / 19.9 \times 25.6 \text{ in}$



Salvador Dalí (1904 - Figueras - 1989) was the youngest of the three Spanish Masters of the 20th Century. He made his first visit to Paris in 1926, where he met with Pablo Picasso whom the young Dalí revered. Picasso had already heard favourable reports about Dalí from Joan Miró. Throughout his career, Dalí made a number of works heavily influenced by Picasso and Miró, who were always important references within the great creativity of this brilliant genius.

Salvador Dalí



"Drawing is the honesty of the art. There is no possibility of cheating. It is either good or bad".

Salvador Dalí

 $18.6 \times 17.2 \text{ cm} / 7.3 \times 6.8 \text{ in}$





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Salvador Dalí



"Surrealism is destructive, but it destroys only what it considers to be shackles limiting our vision".

Salvador Dalí



Salvador Dalí



Venus of the Constellation with Picador, 1975 Original Hand Signed and Inscribed Drypoint Etching on Japan paper 76.5 x 57.5 cm / 30.1 x 22.6 in

Breathing Pneumatic Armchair, from "Imaginations and Objects of the Future", 1975/76
Original Hand Signed and Numbered Etching and Lithograph with Collage on vellum paper
75 x 55.5 cm / 29.5 x 21.9 in



King, I am Waiting for you in Babylon, 1973
page 44, from left to right: His Symmetry wasn't due to Chance
either...; It's Far Away in Space...; There are Some Soldiers...; Now
it's the Evening...; The Sunset Lies Down...; What His Eyes Look
Like...; page 45, from left to right: Monsoon's Arrival...; Some Kings

Hung on Trees...; Desert's Track...; The Smelling City...; Alexander Looked at Him...; Darius Swore he Would Hang...

12 Hand Signed and Numbered Original Etchings on Rives parchment paper
61 x 44 cm / 24 x 17.3 in



















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Dalinistic Bestiary of La Fontaine, 1974

i. The Lion's Court; ii. The Monkey and The Leopard; iii. The Coach and The Fly; iv. Elephant and Monkey; v. The Animals Sick of The Plague; vi. The Deer that Shows Itself in the Water; vii. The Oak and the Reed; viii. The Raven and the Fox; ix. The



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Pablo Picasso

Matt Dove, 1948

Original Painted and Partially Glazed White Ceramic Platter $31 \times 37.4 \text{ cm} / 12.2 \times 14.7 \text{ in}$

Cover image:

Pablo Picasso

La Corrida, 1956

Hand Signed and Numbered Etching and Aquatint in colours on vellum paper

56.5 x 75 cm / 22.2 x 29.5 in