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GREAT TRADITIONS IN PAINTING FROM MIDWESTERN COLLECTIONS

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SAINT SEBASTIAN Hendrick Terbrugghen Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin College



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October 23 through November 27, 1955 West Gallery of the Architecture Building University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois

LENDERS TO THE EXHIBITION

Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio

The Art Institute of Chicago

The Cincinnati Art Museum

The Cleveland Museum of Art

Des Moines Art Center

The John Herron Art Institute, Indianapolis

Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha

The University of Kansas Museum of Art

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The Minneapolis Institute of Arts

The William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art, Kansas City, Missouri

The Toledo Museum of Art

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FOREWORD

The present exhibition makes no pretentions to completeness in covering the art of any period or place, or in exploiting the total artistic resources of this part of the country. Its purpose may seem modest and even casual: we simply wanted to look at some pictures which are not the products of our own times. But this purpose is of deep importance to all those who look to works of art as profoundly revealing sources of knowledge and insight. Whether the spectator is himself involved in technical problems of artistic expression, or simply a student of the endless variety and complexity of man and his works, these paintings provide a series of illuminations which have the possibility of leading to that much desired goal: the kind of an understanding of the past which may lead to a new understanding of the present and of ourselves.

Here is a group of painted panels and canvasses which cover a period of nearly four hundred years — the middle of the fifteenth century to the first quarter of the nineteenth. How much they can tell us of the thoughts and feelings, not only of the artists who painted them, but of the life which sustained those artists, of the beliefs which directed them. of the people they were painted for! The traditions which these works embody reach, in some cases, far into the past (as with the French and Sienese devotional paintings), while in other cases they suggest developments which nourished much later generations (as in the portraits by Hals and Goya). Even a small collection like this can suggest many fruitful lines of thought: can we define what is specifically Italian, French, Flemish, English, Spanish, or Dutch about works which were produced over a considerable period in one place, or can we determine why the work of almost exact contemporaries (Holbein School, Clouet, Bronzino) differs in certain essential respects? Each work is a focal point around which converges a broadening complex of ideas and intuitions, as our own sensitivity and knowledge expand.

The exhibition was formed by bringing together some of the prenineteenth century paintings from our own Trees Collection (which we see all too seldom here due to lack of permanent exhibition space), with a somewhat larger group of pictures which have been most generously lent to us, with that fine spirit of cooperation which is in the best tradition of institutions of learning, from a number of neighboring museums. We are particularly glad to include the splendid Hals portrait. This is the most recent addition to the Trees Collection, presented to the University of Illinois by Mr. and Mrs. Merle J. Trees in 1953, and now seen in Urbana for the first time.

ALLEN S. WELLER Dean, College of Fine and Applied Arts

PAINTINGS

1.	Balthasar van der Ast FRUIT AND FLOWERS The Toledo Museum of Art	Dutch 22″ x 35½″	(c. 1590-1665)
2.	Giuseppe Bazzani DEATH OF SAPPHIRA Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin College	Italian 36¼″ x 55%″	(c. 1690-1769)
3.	Nicasius Bernaerts ANIMALS BY WATERFALL Des Moines Art Center	Flemish 40″ x 34″	(1620-1678)
4.	Angelo Bronzino PORTRAIT OF COSIMO DE' MEDICI The Toledo Museum of Art	Italian 41″ x 30%″	(1503-1572)
5.	Chinese, Ming Period PORTRAIT OF A PHILOSOPHER Des Moines Art Center	14″ x 11″	(1368-1644)
6.	Pieter Claesz STILL LIFE WITH OYSTERS The Toledo Museum of Art	Dutch 14″ x 20%″	(c. 1595 -166 1)



PORTRAIT OF COSIMO DE' MEDICI The Toledo Museum of Art

Angelo Bronzino

7. François Clouet PORTRAIT OF MADAME DE PIENNES Trees Collection	French 14‴ x 9¾″	(c. 1500-1572)
8. John Singleton Copley PORTRAIT OF SQUIRE HYDE, OF HYDE Trees Collection	American 29″ x 24″	(1738-1815)
9. Charles Joseph Flipart YOUNG WOMAN WITH HUNTER The Art Institute of Chicago	French 34¼″ x 27¾″	(1721-1797)
10. French, late 15th Century MARY AT PRAYER Trees Collection	15¾″ x 9¾″	
11. Thomas Gainsborough THE FALLEN TREE The Minneapolis Institute of Arts	English 40″ x 36″	(1727-1788)
12. Jan Gossaert (Mabuse) THIERRY DE LIGNE Trees Collection	Flemish 15″ x 11½″	(c. 1478-1533)

Francisco Goya BOY WITH A LINNET The Cleveland Museum of Art	Spanish 47″ x 33″	(1746-1828)
School of El Greco ST. FRANCIS IN ECSTASY Des Moines Art Center	Spanish 40″ x 27¾″	(1541-1614)
Frans Hals PORTRAIT OF CORNELIS GULDEWAGEN Trees Collection	Dutch 15¾″ x 12″	(1580-1666)
Jean Jacques Hauer LAFAYETTE AND MADAME ROLAND University of Michigan	French 36¾″ x 29¾″	(1751-1829)
Holbein School, c. 1530 LADY ANNA CHAMBERLAIN Trees Collection	English 13″ x 9½″	
Pieter de Hooch INTERIOR Trees Collection	Dutch 14½″ x 14 ⁵ 16″	(1629-1683)



THE FALLEN TREE Thomas Gainsborough The Minneapolis Institute of Arts

19.	Nicolas Lancret THE SWING Cincinnati Art Museum	French 38″ x 49½″	(1690-1745)
20.	Moretto da Brescia (Alessandro Bonvicino) PORTRAIT OF MARCO FOSCARI DA VENEZIA Trees Collection	Italian 22½" x 19¾"	(1498-1555)
21.	Jean Marc Nattier MADAME LA DUCHESSE DE LAMBESC Joslyn Art Museum	French 32½″ x 25¾″	(1685-1766)
22.	Neroccio di Bartolommeo Landi MADONNA AND CHILD Trees Collection	Italian [—] 20½″ x 14¾″	(1447-1500)
23.	Joachim Patinir THE JUDGMENT OF PARIS The Toledo Museum of Art	Flemish 12½″ x 17″	(c. 1480-1524)
24.	Francesco Pesellino DAVID MARCHING BEFORE THE ARK William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art	Italian 22‴ x 24%″	(1422-1457)

25.	Rembrandt van Rijn PORTRAIT OF AMSTERDAM BURGHER Trees Collection	Dutch 27″ x 22″	(1606-1669)
26.	Joshua Reynolds PORTRAIT OF JOSEPH BARETTI John Herron Art Institute	English 30¼″ x 24%″	(1723-1792)
27.	George Romney THE DUCHESS OF GORDON AND HER SON Trees Collection	English 24″ x 19½″	(1734-1802)
28.	Petrus Paulus Rubens ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art	Flemish 20″ x 15″	(1577-1640)
29.	Jacob van Ruisdael WOODED LANDSCAPE WITH WATER Trees Collection	Dutch 19½″ x 22½″	(1628-1682)
30.	Sienese, late 15th century MADONNA AND CHILD Allen S. Weller, Urbana	197%" x 135%"	



PORTRAIT OF CORNELIS GULDEWAGEN Trees Collection Frans Hals

 31. Francesco Solimena EROTIMUS HEALS GEOFREY OF BOUILLON The University of Kansas Museum of Art 	Italian 40″ x 28″	(1657-1747)
32. Bernardo Strozzi HEAD The University of Kansas Museum of Art	Italian 24″ x 19″	(1581-1644)
33. David Teniers THE ARTIST ON THE GROUNDS OF STEEN CASTLE Trees Collection	Flemish 46¼″ x 66½6″	(1610-1690)
34. Hendrick Terbrugghen SAINT SEBASTIAN Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin College	Dutch 58%6" x 46%"	(1588-1629)
35. Tintoretto (Jacopo Robusti) VENUS AND MARS WITH THE THREE GRACES The Art Institute of Chicago	Italian 41¼″ x 55¾″	(1518-1594)

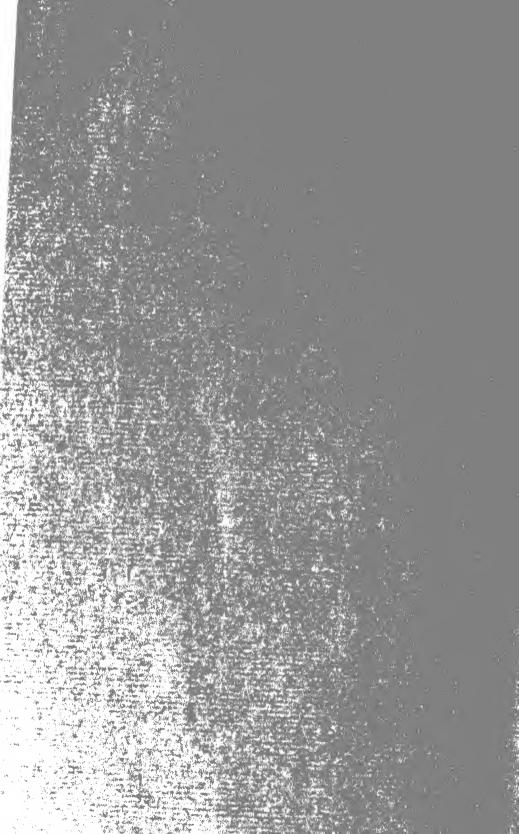


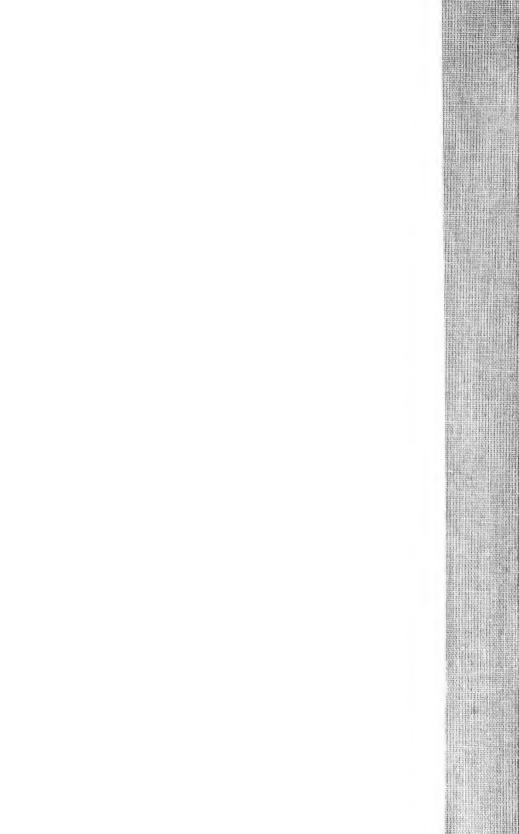
MADAME DE PIENNES

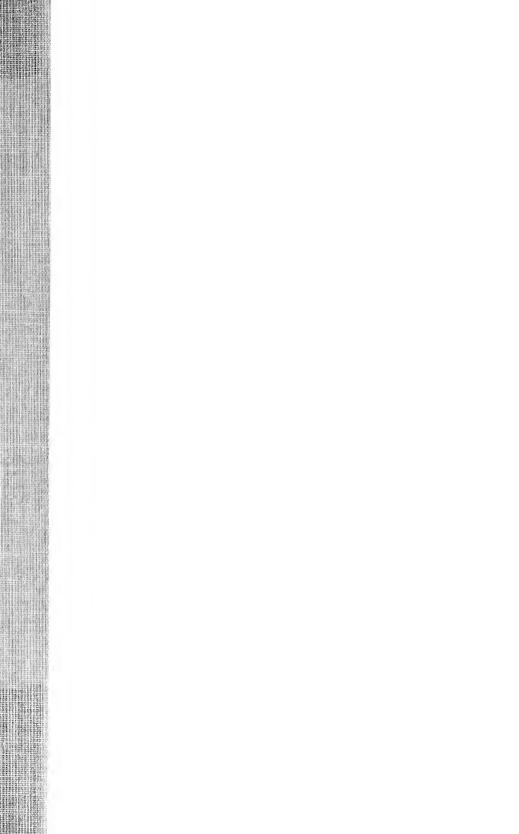
François Clouet

Trees Collection









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