

Montreal museum hosts major Picasso exhibition

A unique exhibition containing the largest group of previously unexhibited Pablo Picasso masterpieces, is being presented exclusively at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. The exhibition has drawn thousands of visitors since it opened on June 21. It is scheduled to close on November 10.



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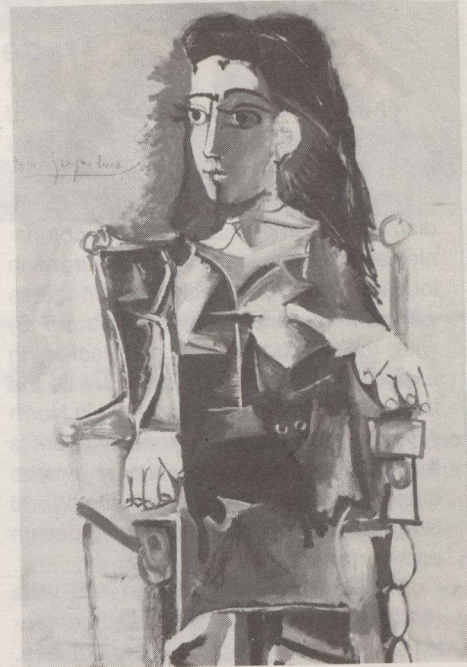
The Matador, painted October 14, 1970.

Pablo Picasso: Meeting in Montreal was organized by the museum and supported financially by the Quebec government. Major corporate sponsors include Air Canada, Alcan Aluminium Limited, The Royal Bank of Canada, the B.C.E. family of companies, Hydro Quebec, IMASCO and Power Corporation.

The exhibition is divided into five sections: an introduction to Picasso; the bull-fight; women; a group of works painted in the decade before Picasso died; and a group of still lifes. It opens with two powerful portraits of Jacqueline and Pablo painted in 1965 within a few days of each other.

The 81 paintings in the exhibition were selected by the artist's wife, Jacqueline Picasso, from her personal collection. They represent a synthesis of Picasso's 75-year career and cover a broad variety of subjects including studio interiors, bull-fighting scenes, portraits, still lifes and landscapes. There is also a painting of a pigeon by the artist's father, Jose Ruiz Blasco.

Several major periods in the artist's career are represented. There is an adolescent religious picture from 1895, a Blue Period standing nude, a Cubist still life, typical seated women from the 1930s, a portrait of Jacqueline from 1964 and a number of other late works. One of the paintings,



Michel Appoliot

Jacqueline Seated with her Cat, painted between February 26 and March 2, 1964.

The Embrace, completed in 1971, two years before Picasso's death, was presented to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts by Mme Picasso.

A catalogue, prepared by Pierre Théberge and Louise d'Argencourt, with 81 colour reproductions, 20 black and white photos and several illustrations is available.

Goals for trade talks

International Trade Minister James Kelleher recently released the text of a submission to the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade that outlines Canadian views to be emphasized in upcoming international trade talks. Mr. Kelleher said that "Canada attaches priority to the early convening of broadly based international trade negotiations".

Canada's major goals as set out in "Multilateral Trade Negotiations, Some Initial Canadian Views", include:

- halting protectionism and seeking expansion of access to markets, particularly for agricultural and food products, fisheries, non-ferrous metals, forest products, petrochemicals, high technology and transportation equipment;
- developing new rules for conducting agricultural trade that would emphasize greater adherence to contractual rights and obligations;
- tighter discipline on the use of subsidies; and
- strengthening the effectiveness of the rule of law in trade matters.

Seed potatoes featured at fair



From left: Portugal's Prime Minister Mario Soares, Minister of Agriculture Alvaro Barreto and Canada's Ambassador Lloyd Francis stop to look at information on seed potatoes at the Canadian pavilion at the Santarém Agricultural Fair in Portugal. Kennebec seed potatoes were a large component in Canada's exports of agricultural products and equipment which totalled almost \$4.5 million in 1984.