

The Muse of Painting

The Timeless Representation of the Female Form

with original commentary by Kat Timely

Artists throughout history have been fascinated with the female form. Though great painters have depicted innumerable face and body types, one particular "look" seems to be represented in a substantial proportion of masterpieces. Why this particular female visage holds such an attraction for the world's most brilliant painters is not entirely clear, although one fanciful theory suggests that she is, in fact, the "Muse of Painting": a goddess who directly inspires great artists with her beauty.

Our gallery is proud to display a recreation of a famous exhibit from 1972 showing the pieces known to contain the "Muse of Painting". That exhibition was renowned not only for its collection of masterworks, but also for the brilliant commentary provided by the art critic Kat Timely – a genius who suddenly burst on to the art scene that year, made brief but inspired analyses of these paintings, and mysteriously disappeared shortly thereafter.

We are pleased to offer you an audio tour containing Ms. Timely's original commentary. Please see an exhibit attendant for instructions on how to access the audio tour through your Android smartphone.

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