



## **‘REMBRANDT, VERMEER & THE DUTCH GOLDEN AGE’ EXHIBITION TO OPEN AT LOUVRE ABU DHABI**

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Louvre Abu Dhabi has announced its first international exhibition for 2019, Rembrandt, Vermeer & the Dutch Golden Age: Masterpieces from The Leiden Collection and the Musée du Louvre, which will bring together paintings and drawings by Dutch masters Rembrandt van Rijn, Johannes Vermeer and their contemporaries.

Running from 14 February to 18 May 2019, the exhibition will survey Rembrandt's artistic journey in Leiden and Amsterdam and his relationships with rivals and peers, including Johannes Vermeer, Jan Lievens, Ferdinand Bol, Carel Fabritius, Gerrit Dou, Frans van Mieris and Frans Hals.

The exhibition will feature 22 paintings and drawings from across Rembrandt's career and his workshop, including sensitively-rendered portraits, a renowned self-portrait, Self-Portrait with Shaded Eyes and Minerva in Her Study (both from The Leiden Collection) and his monumental history painting of the goddess Minerva.



Rembrandt van Rijn, Self-Portrait with Shaded Eyes (1634) © The Leiden Collection



Johannes Vermeer, Young Woman Seated at a Virginal (ca. 1670-72) © The Leiden Collection

The exhibition will also see Vermeer's *Young Woman Seated at a Virginal* (The Leiden Collection) and *The Lacemaker* (Musée du Louvre) – two paintings on canvas cut from the same bolt – hang alongside one another for the first time in 300 years.

On show will be a total of 95 artworks, including paintings, drawings and objects.

The exhibition is curated by Blaise Ducos, Chief Curator of Dutch and Flemish paintings at the Musée du Louvre, and Lara Yeager-Crasselt, Curator of The Leiden Collection and a specialist in seventeenth-century Dutch and Flemish art.

*Entrance to the exhibition is free with the museum ticket. Children under 13 enter the museum free. Visitors can tour the exhibition through a multimedia guide that is available in Arabic, English, and French.*



Johannes Vermeer, *The Lacemaker* (ca. 1669-70) © RMN Grand Palais Musée du Louvre