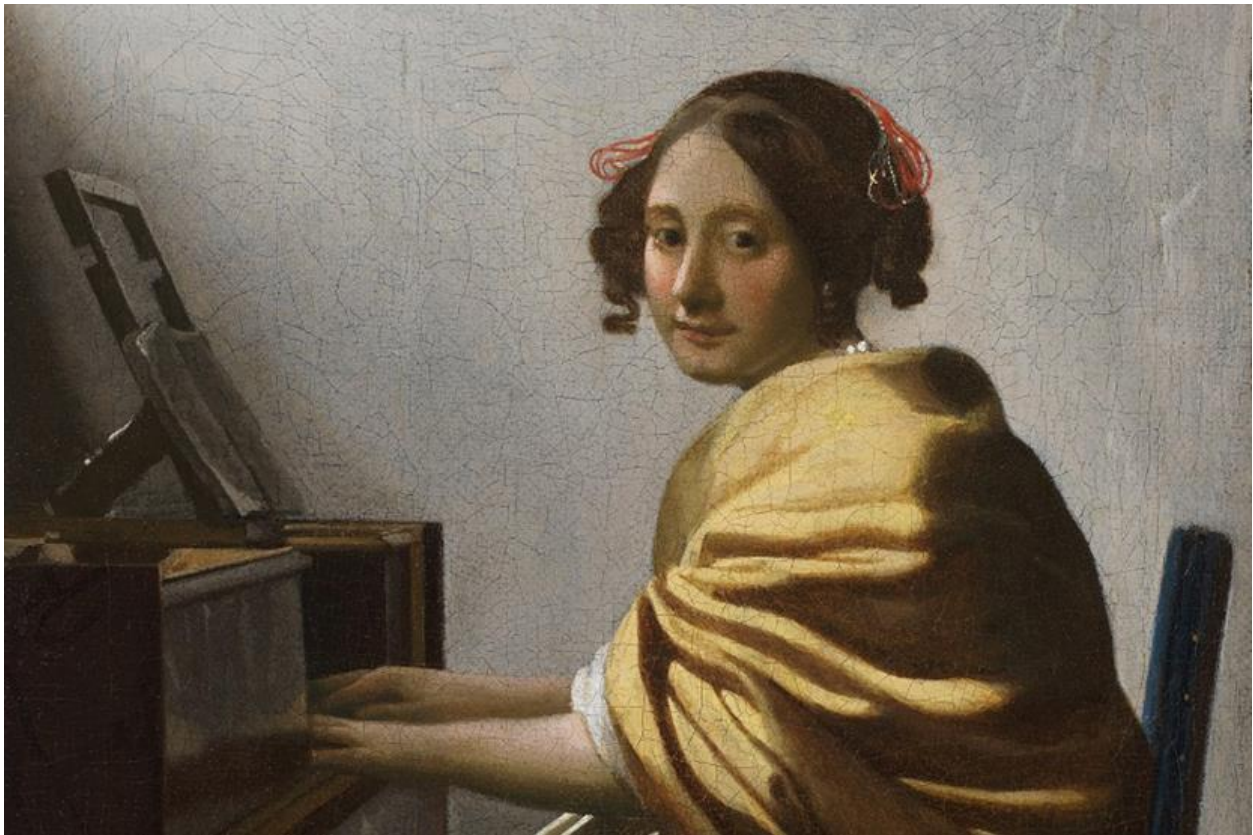


New art exhibition with works from Rembrandt coming to The Louvre Abu Dhabi

The huge display will open on February 14 in Saadiyat Island's iconic museum

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What do you want this Valentine's Day? Flowers? Chocolates? Or how about 95 artistic masterpieces?

The Louvre Abu Dhabi is putting on an exhibition featuring 22 paintings and drawings by Dutch artist Rembrandt van Rijn, and you can fall in love with them from Thursday February 14.

'Rembrandt, Vermeer & the Dutch Golden Age Masterpieces from The Leiden Collection and the Musée du Louvre' will also include paintings and drawings by Rembrandt's contemporaries in the Netherlands, as well as several small paintings by 17th century fine painters, some of which were later owned by King Louis XVI of France.

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 and there will be 95 pieces in total. We're hoping for a bit of drama.

The exhibition will also feature Johannes Vermeer's *The Lacemaker* (Musée du Louvre) and *Young Woman Seated at a Virginal* (The Leiden Collection), painted on canvas cut from the same bolt, will hang next to each other for the first time in 300 years at Louvre Abu Dhabi.

We can't wait to be swept off our feet.

Free with museum ticket. Thu Feb 14-Sat May 18. Open Tue, Wed, Sat & Sun 10am-8pm; Thu-Fri 10am-10pm. The Louvre Abu Dhabi, Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi, www.louvreabudhabi.ae.