

Phoenix Art Museum

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Phoenix Art Museum celebrates the art of sports in upcoming exhibition

Premiering at annual Luncheon of Champions, Good Sport explores the intersection of art and athleticism

PHOENIX (March 7, 2017) – Beginning on March 17, Phoenix Art Museum will present *Good Sport*, an exhibition in honor of the Museum’s much-anticipated Luncheon of Champions. Highlighting treasures from the Museum’s collection by artists such as Alexander Calder, George Wesley Bellows, and Jean-Léon Gérôme, *Good Sport* pays homage to the celebrated rites and rituals of athletic pursuits and their depiction in works of art throughout the ages.

“We are excited to showcase our permanent collection in *Good Sport*,” said Amada Cruz, the Sybil Harrington Director and CEO of Phoenix Art Museum. “We look forward to sharing these beloved works in a new context while celebrating champions of arts and culture within our own community, from famous sports professionals to those who support the arts.”

Good Sport draws upon works from the Museum’s collection. Pastimes from tennis and baseball to ballet and bullfighting are depicted in 19th- and 20th-century images spanning four of the Museum’s collecting areas: American, Contemporary, European, and Asian art. The exhibition will be on view beginning March 17 in the Orientation Gallery. Admission is free for members and included in general admission to the Museum.

Good Sport is exhibited in conjunction with the fourth-annual Luncheon of Champions on March 24, featuring a candid conversation between legendary sports-journalist Mike Wilbon, host of ESPN’s *Pardon the Interruption*, and Theo Epstein, president of baseball operations for the 2016 World Series Champion Chicago Cubs. Luncheon of Champions raises funds in support of exhibitions and education at Phoenix Art Museum. For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/LuncheonofChamps>.

About Luncheon of Champions

Phoenix Art Museum will present the fourth-annual Luncheon of Champions on March 24, 2017, at 11:30 am, featuring a candid conversation between legendary sports-journalist Mike Wilbon, host of ESPN’s *Pardon the Interruption*, and Theo Epstein, president of baseball operations for the 2016 World Series Champion Chicago Cubs. The annual luncheon, which has historically celebrated the art of baseball, joins sports and art enthusiasts for an afternoon that benefits exhibitions and educational programming at Phoenix Art Museum. The two sports history-makers will bring to life their experiences at the top of their respective fields, with unique insights into what it means to be a champion. For event details, please visit <http://bit.ly/LuncheonofChamps>.

About Phoenix Art Museum

Phoenix Art Museum has provided access to visual arts and educational programs in Arizona for more than 50 years and is the largest art museum in the Southwestern United States. Critically acclaimed national and international exhibitions are shown alongside the Museum’s permanent collection of more than 18,000 works of American, Asian, European, Latin American, Western American, modern and contemporary art, and fashion design. The Museum also presents festivals, a comprehensive film program, live performances and educational programs designed to enlighten, entertain and stimulate visitors of all ages. Visitors also enjoy vibrant photography exhibitions through the Museum’s landmark partnership with the Center for Creative Photography, University of Arizona. To learn more about Phoenix Art Museum, visit PhxArt.org, or call the 24-hour recorded information line at (602) 257-1222.

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