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PICASSO A GRAPHIC VIEW



SUMMER EXHIBITION OPENS JULY 14 AT JACK RUTBERG FINE ARTS

Los Angeles, CA - Jack Rutberg Fine Arts gallery opens its summer exhibition - *Picasso: A Graphic View* - Saturday, July 14, with a reception from 6 to 9 PM. The exhibition will extend through Saturday, September 8.

Picasso: A Graphic View brings together eighty ceramics and works on paper, including thirty etchings from Picasso's important Vollard series executed in the 1930s. This series from Picasso's neo-classical period represents some of the most iconic images created by the artist. Ambroise Vollard, who commissioned these remarkable etchings, was the pre-eminent champion and dealer of modern art in Paris at the turn of the 20th century. In the Vollard Suite, Picasso's subjects metamorphose into mythical figures—gods and goddesses, centaurs and nymphs. It is an extraordinary sequence in which he explores the ideas of love, lust, the artist as creator and the mistress as muse.

During his lifetime (1881-1973), Picasso was a prolific artist who investigated virtually all media. His passion for printmaking was evident as he committed himself to every aspect of graphic work throughout his career, working in a range of techniques including drypoint, etching, aquatint, lithography, linocut, etc. He was wildly experimental and inventive, often ignoring technical considerations to create new achievements in the media. This exhibition is an ambitious survey of some of Picasso's most important graphic work.

Picasso's interest in creating original works in series extended beyond the confines of the flat surface when his expansion into three-dimensional possibilities was realized through his ceramic works. This exhibition will include select examples of Picasso's ceramics from his earliest works of the late 1940s.

Jack Rutberg Fine Arts gallery is located at 357 North La Brea Avenue in Los Angeles. Gallery hours are 10 AM to 6 PM Tuesday through Friday, and 10 AM to 5 PM Saturday. The gallery is closed Sunday and Monday.

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Visuals available upon request