

BEAUTY, PASSION AND BLISS:

19th Century Masterworks from the Dahesh Museum of Art

March 27-July 10, 2022

Opening Reception: 6 – 8:00 PM, Thursday, March 24, 2022



Beauty, Passion, and Bliss features paintings and sculptures that embody the 19th-century European academic tradition. Originating in 16th-century Italy, this tradition was based on learning to draw the human figure, and in adhering to principals of ideal beauty epitomized by Classical and Renaissance art. Nearly every city in Europe (and, later, the Americas and Australia) developed an academy; the most important of the modern period, and the one upon which many others modeled their own systems of promotion, patronage, display, and teaching, was the French Academy.

Drawn from the rich collection of the Dahesh Museum of Art, the exhibition features a surprisingly wide range of themes and styles. There are historical, religious, and mythological pictures, considered the highest form of art, as well as examples of the ways in which historical themes were transformed into intimate, detailed genre scenes that, along with landscapes and idealized rustic subjects, appealed to the middle-class, and wealthy European and American collectors. Well represented, too, is Orientalism—highly popular images of the Middle East and North Africa that freely commingled reality and fantasy.

The Dahesh Museum of Art is the only institution in the United States devoted to collecting, exhibiting, and interpreting works by Europe’s academically trained artists of the 19th and early 20th centuries. The Dahesh serves a diverse audience by placing these artists in the broader context of 19th-century visual culture, and by offering a fresh appraisal of the role academies played in reinvigorating the classical ideals of beauty, humanism, and skill.

Organized by HMA and Dahesh Museum of Art

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- 8 complimentary reservations to opening reception
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- Recognition in the Museum's *ArtViews* magazine and on the Museum website

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- Recognition in the Museum's *ArtViews* magazine and on the Museum website

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- 5 complimentary Museum admission passes
- Recognition in the Museum's *ArtViews* magazine and on the Museum website

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