

Art inSight and Art Wise TX invite you to celebrate the Springtime

Key Moments in Commemorative Art: 3 Houston Exhibitions

Friday, May 23, 2025

3 Special Exhibitions @ MFA Houston



"Knights in Shining Armor: The Pavia Tapestries"

7 enormous Renaissance tapestries displayed alongside impressive examples of 16th-century arms and armor commemorate the Battle of Pavia, Holy Roman Emperor Charles V's 1525 victory over French King Francis I during the 16th-century Italian Wars. The hangings required remarkable feats of collaboration between artists and weavers; these are major designs by court artist Bernard van Orley (1487–1541), woven in a distinguished Brussels workshop.

"The Stuart Collection: Triumph of the Landscape"

60 works in varied media chart the rise of native landscape art, especially in England, where artists "discovered" the beauties of Britain while they were constrained from traveling on the continent during the Napoleonic Wars. Sketchbooks and watercolors illustrate the desire to capture the qualities of real places, whose legacies include the triumphs of Impressionism later in the 19th century.



"Tamara de Lempicka"

The first US retrospective exhibition for this artist--90 works of art traversing Lempicka's career from her beginnings in Paris to New York and Los Angeles in the 1940s. Classic portraits, sensual figure studies, and melancholic still lifes trace the influences she absorbed from Cubist aesthetics, fashion and design, and her deep appreciation for art of the Renaissance and the paintings of Ingres; complemented by the MFAH's Art Deco collection of costumes and design.

Art inSight explored the work of Lempicka as a "Great Women Artist" in 2022.

Approximate Schedule (New Model--Lunch First!, and later start: MFA open till 9:00pm):

- 9:00a Depart from central Austin via chartered coach, discussion and snack en route
- 12:00 Lunch on your own at Houston's beloved, historic **Cleburne Cafeteria**
our new favorite lunch spot -- take a look! <https://cleburnecafeteria.com/>
- 2:00p **MFA Houston**: admission and small-group visits to three exhibitions (relaxed, free pacing)
- 5:00 Free time for the permanent collection, shopping
- 6:00 Gather for a snack and departure for Austin, discussion en route

Registration:

\$160 per person covers chartered coach transportation and gratuity, museum admission, guided tours, snacks, and commentary throughout the day from art historian Karen Pope. Send email to reserve: barbara@artwisetx.com, then follow with payment to Art Wise TX:

- check option: 3207 Warren Street, Austin TX 78703-1020
- Venmo option: @Barbara-Newey
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GROUP SIZE LIMITED TO 30 participants. No refunds after April 10.

If unable to participate, ask about the waiting list or pass your seat to a friend