Picasso talks Communism, visual perception, and inspiration in this intimate interview [at his home in Cannes](https://www.moma.org/interactives/exhibitions/1957/2018) in 1957. “My work is a constructive one. I am building, not tearing down. What people call deformation in my work results from their own misapprehension. It’s not a matter of deformation; it’s a question of formation. My work obeys laws I have spent my life in formulating and adhering to. Everybody has a different idea of what constitutes reality and the substance of things….I set [objects] down in what my intellect tells me is the order and form in which they appear to me.”

In these excerpts from 1943, from his book, Conversations with Picasso, French photographer and sculpture Brassaï reflects candidly with his friend and contemporary about building on the past, authenticity, and gathering inspiration from nature, history, and museums. 

“I thought I learned a lot from him. Mostly in terms of the way he worked, the concentration in which he worked, the unity of spirit in thinking about nothing else, giving everything away for that,” reflected Françoise Gilot in [an interview with Charlie Rose in 1998](https://www.charlierose.com/). In 2019, she published the groundbreaking memoir of her own life as an artist and her relationship with the untamable master, Life with Picasso.

MoMA’s monumental 1996 exhibition Picasso and Portraiture: Representation and Transformation embarked on a tour of over 200 visual representations by the artist of his friends, family, and contemporaries.

Vanity Fair’s 2016 photo essay shows candid shots of Picasso and his children, first wife Olga Khakhlova, second wife Jacqueline Roque, and final partner François Gilot with his art in Paris and later Cannes in the 1950s and ‘60s.

Over 160 of Picasso’s late ceramic works were showcased in the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art’s 2018 exhibition, focusing on his material experimentations in the south of France in the 1940s.

At the Tate Modern’s first solo exhibition of Picasso’s oeuvre in 2018, more than 100 paintings, drawings, and sculptures introduced viewers to the tumultuous and prolifically creative year of 1932. View the comprehensive digital exhibition guide.

Picasso’s son Claude, a photographer and filmmaker, gave a rare interview in conjunction with a 2019 exhibition at Fondation Beyeler showcasing his father’s breakout years in Paris, from 1901-06, fondly referred to as his “Blue” and “Rose” periods. Watch also, Claude’s 1997 interview with Charlie Rose about his father’s estate and the establishing the Musée Picasso.

The Royal Academy of Art’s 2020 exhibition Picasso and Paper brings together over 300 works spanning 80 years, focusing on the theme of paper – the drawings, collage and sculpture materials, sketchbooks, and letters that fueled his creative process. Take an intimate virtual tour of the galleries.
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
*Nu couché et portrait d’homme*, 1971
Pencil, crayon and felt-tip pen on paper

Private Collection; L2022:138.1

*On view February 1 – May 7, 2023*
Though Pablo Picasso is best known for his Cubist style, the prolific artist also created works that are more realistic in approach. In 1917, Picasso traveled to Italy, where he was inspired by Roman ruins and the classical artistic traditions. Étude de main droite ("Study of a right hand") was created during a period of Neoclassicism in the artist’s oeuvre. Like many European artists at the time, Picasso’s “return to order” was a visual response to the upheaval and disorder of World War I. *Femme de dos* ("Woman from behind"), on the other hand, was completed in the midst of World War II when the artist was living under German occupation in Paris. The ink wash composition with heavy shadow depicts a standing female nude subject. She is shown in a contrapposto pose reminiscent of Classical Greek and Roman statuary, reflecting Picasso’s interest in the representation of the human figure throughout art’s long history.

*On view February 1 – May 7, 2023*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
*Mousquetaire à la pipe* (Musketeer with a pipe), 1968
Oil on canvas

Private Collection; L2022:75.2

Pablo Picasso’s “late career” featured a combination of the artist’s styles, including Cubist, Expressionist, and other abstract techniques. Towards the end of his life, the prolific modernist turned to subjects favored by the Old Masters. In a nod to artists such as Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669) and Diego Velázquez (1599-1660), Picasso began painting Musketeers that both insert the artist into this lineage and serve as archetypes for his own personal mythology. The subject first appeared in Picasso’s engravings and works on paper and expanded to large-scale oil paintings in 1968, often depicted carrying phallic objects such as instruments, weapons, or paintbrushes. *Mousquetaire à la pipe* is a characteristic example of this series, wearing a curly wig, ruffled blouse, and boots while smoking a long tobacco pipe.

*On view October 12, 2022 – January 15, 2023*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

**Nu Couché, 1963**
Oil on canvas

Private Collection; L2022.70.2

Pablo Picasso’s prolific career spanned nearly eight decades, with a wide range of paintings, sculptures, prints, and stage design that greatly influenced modern art movements of the twentieth century. In the 1950s, the artist began painting subject matter favored by the Old Masters – especially nudes and partially clad couples – with an emphasis on the subjects’ sex and sensuality. **Nu couché** takes on the motif of the “reclining nude,” featuring a woman laying prostrate in Picasso’s late style, a fluid blend of Cubist, Expressionist, and abstract impulses. **L’Étreinte ("The Embrace")**, on the other hand, catches a couple’s intercourse as they attempt to hide behind a tree. The latter painting is thought to feature Picasso himself, wearing his characteristic striped shirt and straw hat. These two works offer insight into the artist’s later years, as his intimate subjects take a more romantic turn, a shift away from the almost violent scenes painted in his youth. When asked about the line between art and sexuality, Picasso replied: “They are the same thing, because art can only be erotic.”

*On view September 21, 2022 – March 26, 2023*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881–1973)
L’Étreinte, 1969
Oil on canvas
Private Collection; L2022:70.1

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*On view September 14, 2022 – March 19, 2023*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

*Portrait de femme de profil (Portrait of a Woman in Profile)*, 1936
Oil on canvas

Private Collection; L2021:150.1

Pablo Picasso’s prolific career is often discussed in terms of periods, from the “Blue Period” (1901-1904) to the “Crystal Period” (1912-1919). After the 1920s, however, the artist’s work is frequently termed “late career” despite the fact he continued working for decades. In this stage, Picasso often combined different styles of previous work. *Portrait de femme de profil (Portrait of a Woman in Profile)* features elements of both Fauvism and Cubism, with bright, contrasting, unexpected color combinations and an emphasis on geometric shapes. The female subject could be Dora Maar (1907-1997), a young photographer with whom the artist began an affair in 1936. Picasso’s portraits of Maar never smile and feature sad, anxious eyes, apparent in this painting through the straight, vertical lips and half-moon pupils.

*On view December 8, 2021 – March 13, 2022*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

La Suite Vollard, 1930-1937
Etchings, aquatints, and drypoints on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

Ambroise Vollard (1866-1939) was an influential French art dealer and collector who catapulted the careers of several modern artists in Europe. In 1901, Vollard gave an unknown, nineteen-year-old artist named Pablo Picasso his first exhibition at a gallery on the famous Rue Laffitte. Vollard was known for his brooding vanity, but was a steady supporter of Picasso’s printmaking practice for decades. La Suite Vollard was commissioned as a series of one hundred prints. Unfortunately, the dealer was killed in a car accident in 1939, just weeks after the full edition was completed. Vollard was famously averse to written contracts and Picasso only signed a small portion of the series after the dealer’s death – as a result, Vollard’s intentions for the series remain a mystery. This display features three prints from the series alongside scans of the other ninety-seven.

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)  
c. May 1933 (Two Catalan Men) from La Suite Vollard, 1933  
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, March 21, 1933 (Two Women before Sculptured Head) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
c. 1935 (Blind Minotaur Led through the Night by Girl with Fluttering Dove) from La Suite Vollard, 1935
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
c. May 1933 (*Four Children Viewing a Monster*) from *La Suite Vollard*, 1933
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
c. October 1934 (Blind Minotaur Led by Girl with Fluttering Dove) from La Suite Vollard, 1934
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Boisgeloup, September 22, 1934 (Blind Minotaur Led by Girl with Bouquet of Wild Flowers. Upper left, Sketch (upside down) for ‘Death of Marat’) from La Suite Vollard, 1934
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, October 23, 1934 (Blind Minotaur Led by Girl with Dove)
from La Suite Vollard, 1934
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, November 8, 1933 (Bullfight II) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Drypoint on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, November 11, 1933 (Acrobats with a Horse) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Drypoint on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, January 27, 1934 (Head of Rembrandt and Heads of Three Girls) from La Suite Vollard, 1934
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881–1973)  
**Paris, June 22, 1934 (Bull, Horse, and Reclining Woman)**  
from *La Suite Vollard*, 1934  
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50  

Private Collection; L2021:62.1  

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)  
c. 1935 (Seated Nude and Three Studies of a Head) from  
La Suite Vollard, c. 1935  
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50  
Private Collection; L2021:62.1  

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
c. 1935 (Boy Watching over Sleeping Woman by Candlelight)
from La Suite Vollard, c. 1935
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
*Toward 1935 (Two Men with Minotaur and Sculptured Bird)*
from *La Suite Vollard*, c. 1935
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

**June 12, 1936 (Satyr and Sleeping Woman) from La Suite Vollard, 1936**
Aquatint on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, March 10, 1934 (Four Models and a Sculptured Head) from La Suite Vollard, 1934
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881–1973)
Paris, March 2, 1934 (Sculptor and Statue of Three Female Dancers) from La Suite Vollard, 1934
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, November 2, 1933 (Embrace) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
c. 1933 (Embrace) from La Suite Vollard, c. 1933
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, May 17, 1933 (Drinking Minotaur and Reclining Woman)
from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, May 18, 1933 (Girl Seated by Sleeping Minotaur) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, May 23, 1933 (Minotaur Assaulting Girl) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, May 26, 1933 (Dying Minotaur) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, May 29, 1933 (Minotaur Defeated by Youth in Arena)
from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

Paris, May 30, 1933 (Dying Minotaur in Arena) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, June 16, 1933 (Minotaur with Girl in His Arms) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, November 11, 1933 (Bullfight I) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)  
Paris, May 22, 1933 (Two Nudes Bathing. At left, Sculptured Head and Head of Spectator) from La Suite Vollard, 1933  
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50  
Private Collection; L2021:62.1  

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Boisgeloup, June 18, 1933 (Minotaur Kneeling over Sleeping Girl) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Drypoint on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Boisgeloup, June 18, 1933 (Minotaur, Drinking Sculptor, and Three Nudes) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

Paris, May 18, 1933 (Drinking Minotaur and Sculptor with Two Models) from La Suite Vollard, 1933

Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, May 18, 1933 (Minotaur Caressing Girl. At right, Flute-playing Boy and Girl at a Table with Fruits and Pitcher) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

Boisgeloup, April 23, 1933 (Embrace) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Drypoint on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Boisgeloup, April 22, 1933 (Embrace) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Drypoint on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

Paris, March 30, 1933 (Sculptor and Model with Sculpture of Bull and Two Bacchants) from La Suite Vollard, 1933

Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, March 30, 1933 (Sculptor, Reclining Model, and Sculpture of a Horse and Youth) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

Paris, March 31, 1933 (Sculptor and Reclining Model Viewing Sculpture of Bull and Two Horses) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, March 31, 1933 (Sculptor and Model with Statue of Centaur Kissing a Girl) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, March 31 [?], 1933 (Sculptor at Rest, Reclining Model, and Sculpture) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, March 31, 1933 (Sculptor Seated by a Window, Working from Model) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, April 2, 1933 (Sculptor and Reclining Model Viewing Sculptured Head) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, April 3, 1933 (Sculptor and Reclining Model by a Window Viewing a Sculptured Head) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, April 3, 1933 (Reclining Sculptor and Model by a Window, Viewing a Sculpture of Two Fighting Horses) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, April 4, 1933 (Sculptor and Model Reclining by a Window, and Sculptured Head) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, April 5, 1933 (Model Kneeling by a Window Viewing a Sculpture of Nude Figures and a Rearing Horse) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Two Sculptors before a Statue from La Suite Vollard, 1931
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

The Rape from La Suite Vollard, 1930-1931
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
*Two Nudes Resting* from *La Suite Vollard*, 1931
Drypoint on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

Boisgeloup, July 21, 1932 (Three Nudes and a Satyr Playing the Flute) from *La Suite Vollard*, 1932
Drypoint on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, March 20, 1933 (Two Sculptors, Male and Female Model, and Sculpture) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, March 30, 1933 (Sculptor and Reclining Model at Window Viewing a Sculptured Torso) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

Paris, March 30, 1933 (Sculptor and Model Watching Three Jugglers) from *La Suite Vollard*, 1933

Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, June 20, 1934 (Bull, Horse, and Woman) from La Suite Vollard, 1934
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, January 30, 1934 (Nude and Tambourine Player) from La Suite Vollard, 1934
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, January 30, 1934 (Flute-player and Girl with Tambourine) from
La Suite Volland, 1934
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, March 9, 1934 (Seated Nude) from La Suite Vollard, 1934
Engraving on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

*Paris, January 27, 1934 (Head of Rembrandt and Various Studies) from La Suite Vollard, 1934*
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)  
Paris, January 31, 1934 (Two Nudes and Portrait of Rembrandt)  
from La Suite Vollard, 1934  
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50  
Private Collection; L2021:62.1  

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, January 31, 1934 (Standing Nude with Flowing Headdress, and a Portrait of Rembrandt with Palette) from La Suite Vollard, 1934
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, January 30, 1934 (Studies of Heads, with Seated Nude) from La Suite Vollard, 1934
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

**Portrait of Vollard II** from *La Suite Vollard*, 1937
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
*Portrait of Vollard I* from *La Suite Vollard*, c. 1937
Aquatint on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

*Portrait of Vollard III* from *La Suite Vollard*, 1937
Aquatint on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
c. March 1933 (Sculptor and Model Viewing Statue of Seated Woman) from La Suite Vollard, c. 1933
Drypoint on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
c. 1934 (Three Costumed Figures Viewing a Sculptured Bust)
from La Suite Vollard, c. 1934
Drypoint on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, January 27, 1934 (Two Nudes) from La Suite Vollard, 1934
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

*Picasso, Paris, January 29, 1934 (Two Nudes)* from *La Suite Vollard*, 1934
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, January 29, 1934 (Two Women) from La Suite Vollard, 1934
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)  
c. 1933 (Rape) from La Suite Vollard, c. 1933  
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50  

Private Collection; L2021:62.1  

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, April 1, 1933 (Model and Sculptured Head) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, April 11, 1933 (Heads of Sculptor and Model, and Statue of a Striding Youth) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, May 4, 1933 (Model and Sculptured Female Torso) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)  
Paris, May 4, 1933 (Model and Surrealist Sculpture) from La Suite Vollard, 1933  
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50  
Private Collection; L2021:62.1  

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)  
Paris, May 5, 1933 (Crouching Model, Nude, and Sculptured Head) from La Suite Vollard, 1933  
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50  
Private Collection; L2021:62.1  

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

Paris, May 5, 1933 (Sculpture of Seated Nude, Sculptured Head, and Vase of Flowers) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
c. March 1933 (Sculptor Seated, Reclining Model, and Statue of a Man) from La Suite Vollard, c. 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
c. March 1933 (Seated Model and Sculptor Studying Sculptured Head) from La Suite Vollard, c. 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
c. March 1933 (Sculptor and Model Seated before a Sculptured Head) from La Suite Vollard, c. 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, May 3, 1933 (Female Model and Two Sculptures)
from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, May 3, 1933 (Young Girl with Drawing of Male Head, and Nude Seen from the Back) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)  
Paris, April 8, 1933 (Sculptor and Model by a Window, with Overturned Sculptured Head) from La Suite Vollard, 1933  
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50  
Private Collection; L2021:62.1  

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, April 7, 1933 (Sculptor and Model by a Window) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, April 6, 1933 (Three Nudes Seated by a Window with Basket of Flowers) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
*Seated Nude Crowned with Flowers...* from *La Suite Vollard*, 1930
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

*Seated Nude Crowning Herself with Flowers* from *La Suite Vollard*, 1930

Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
The Bath from La Suite Vollard, 1930
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Nude Seated before a Curtain from La Suite Vollard, 1931
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Man Unveiling a Woman from La Suite Vollard, 1931
Drypoint on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
*Nude before a Statue* from *La Suite Vollard*, 1931
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)  
**Seated Nude** from *La Suite Vollard*, 1931  
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

Paris, March 21, 1933 (Seated Nude with Painting and Sculptured Head) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, March 21 [?], 1933 (Sculptor with Fishbowl, and Nude Seated before a Sculptured Head) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, March 23, 1933 (Sculptor and Seated Model before a Sculptured Head) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881–1973)
Paris, March 27, 1933 (Sculptor, Model Wearing Mask, and Statue of Standing Nude) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, March 25, 1933 (Young Sculptor at Work) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, March 25, 1933 (Sculptor Working from a Model) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Combined technique on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50
Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, March 26, 1933 (Sculptor Examining Sculptured Head)
from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)
Paris, March 26, 1933 (Seated Sculptor and Two Sculptured Heads) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

*On view July 7 – October 10, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

Paris, March 27, 1933 (Sculptor, Model, and Statue of a Nude Holding Drapery) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

Paris, March 7, 1933 (Three Nude Men, Standing) from La Suite Vollard, 1933
Etching on Montval laid paper; Edition of 50

Private Collection; L2021:62.1

On view July 7 – October 10, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881–1973)
*Homme Assis (Seated Man)*, 1971
Oil on canvas

Private Collection; L2021:57.1

The last few years of Pablo Picasso’s life were some of the most prolific and intensely creative of his career. Living in seclusion with his second wife, Jacqueline Roque, in his château in the village of Vauvenargues, near Aix-en-Provence in southern France, Picasso returned to the stylistic experiments that defined a seventy-year career span at the vanguard of modern art. Portraits—including self-portraits, subjects conjured from his imagination, and figures inspired by classic works of art—emerged from sessions of painting, etching, and engraving. The anonymous man depicted in *Homme Assis*, one of many such titled portraits during this period, delivers a refined study of the visual play and perspective at the center of Picasso’s fabled career. A sharp haircut and trimmed beard anchor the figure’s face and upper body, which the aging artist depicted simultaneously in profile and frontal views. Like the shifting analytic planes of Picasso’s cubist compositions and the emotional tumult of his surrealist distortions, the dynamic effect is cognitively jarring and visually perplexing, yet complete—a human in all his complexity.

*On view June 30 – October 3, 2021*
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

Trois nus, 1968
Pencil on paper

Private Collection; L2021:77.2

When Pablo Picasso reached his eighties, his work returned to themes of vitality, desire, lust, and beauty so often present in the painting of his younger years. Trois nus also revisits two of the artist’s former models: Marie-Thérèse Walter and Sylvette David (now Lydia Corbett). Pictured in the center, Marie-Thérèse is often featured in Picasso’s beach scenes due both to a dramatic near drowning that inspired a series of paintings and to her beachside affair with the artist in the same decade. To the right, Sylvette sits calmly with her distinctive hair drawn back, while a third figure twists to dive into the implied water beyond. The drawing is filled with Picasso’s voyeuristic, desiring gaze on the three women as they enjoy a day at the beach. Then in his late eighties, the artist returned to these muses to recapture the eroticism and passion they evoked in his work earlier in his career.

On view June 16 – September 26, 2021
Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973)

Pierrot et Arlequin (Pierrot and Harlequin), 1969
Colored chalk and crayon on paper

Private Collection; L2020:71.1

Despite being a period of immense creativity, the final decade of Pablo Picasso’s career has received less attention and critical praise than his earlier work. With the dwindling availability of work from his better-known periods, the attention of the art market has shifted in recent years to his prodigious output after 1960. Critics often perceive this late flourishing as an artistic fight against the certainty of death, and paintings from this time frequently reference Picasso’s own previously explored motifs. The figures of Pierrot and Harlequin were first explored by the artist during his “Rose” period from 1904 to 1906. He borrowed the titular characters from the sixteenth-century Italian stage tradition Commedia dell’arte, drawn to their potential as figurative representations of creativity and passion. The humble comic servant, Pierrot, is identifiable by his historical costume: a white ensemble and pale powdered face; his clever romantic rival, Harlequin, sports the canonical dark mask and body suit comprised of vivid triangles and diamonds. In Picasso’s abstracted vision, the theatrical counterparts appear in the midst of a truce, a pair of jesters skilled in the art of expression, performance, and metamorphosis.

On view August 5 – November 8, 2020