

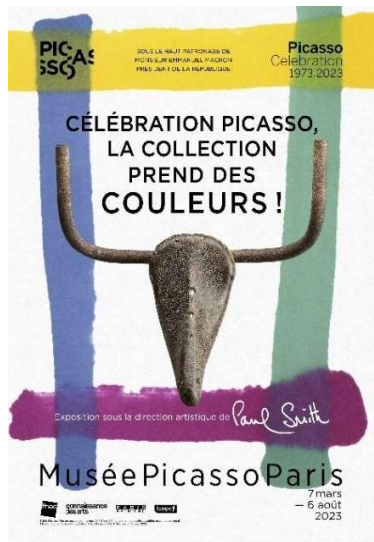


PRESS COMMUNICATION

***PICASSO CELEBRATION:
THE COLLECTION IN A NEW LIGHT!***
UNDER THE ARTISTIC DIRECTION OF PAUL SMITH
MARCH 7 - AUGUST 27, 2023

It is fifty years since Pablo Picasso died, on 8 April 1973 at Notre-Dame-de-Vie, his home in Mougins. The body of work that he left behind had a profound impact on the entire 20th century.

For this anniversary year, the Musée National Picasso-Paris has invited the British designer Sir Paul Smith, known for his work with colour, tailoring and unexpected details, to lead the artistic direction of an exceptional exhibition showcasing the museum's collection.



This exhibition created in collaboration with Sir Paul is curated around masterpieces from the collection. The designer's unique approach to the works invites the public to view them through a contemporary lens and underlines the continuing relevance of Picasso's work in today's world. The visions of these two artists sometimes converge, for example around their shared love of objects, dress and playfulness, thus leading to comparisons and a spectacular, highly inventive approach to the presentation of the works.

Also on show throughout the exhibition are works by contemporary international artists. In their shared desire to open up new interpretations to Picasso's work, Guillermo Kuitca, Obi Okigbo, Mickalene Thomas and Chéri Samba interrogate his image and putting their own slant on some of his artistic innovations.

1st, 2nd and 3rd floors of the Hôtel Salé

Curators: Cécile Debray and Joanne Snrech, in collaboration with François Dareau

Paul Smith's biography

Paul Smith is one of Britain's foremost designers. He is renowned for his creative spirit, which combines tradition and modernity.

Famous for its clothing and accessories collections, Paul Smith specialises in an inventive use of traditional craftsmanship and cutting-edge design to create beautifully-made, desirable, modern pieces.

Paul Smith is a tastemaker – a leader of British and international design trends. With an enthusiasm for eclectic cultural references and idiosyncratic combinations of pattern and colour, applied with understatement, Paul Smith expresses a truly contemporary aesthetic.

Paul Smith is loved across the world – its customers range from the creative community to students, and from Hollywood actors and pop stars to business professionals. From its origins in one small shop in Nottingham, England, in 1970, Paul Smith has grown into a global business, selling to five continents. Starting with one men's collection, the business has grown to comprise collections for men and women and children, including, shoes, accessories, fragrance and home furnishings.

Paul Smith has shops globally – including in London, Paris, New York, Hong Kong, and Tokyo – and stages fashion shows at men's Paris Fashion Week twice each year. Throughout its development Paul Smith's values of curiosity, quality and authenticity have remained constant.

Currently on view at the Musée national Picasso-Paris

*New masterpieces. La dation Maya Ruiz-Picasso
Maya Ruiz-Picasso, daughter of Pablo*
Through December 31, 2022

Farah Atassi
2nd floor of the Hôtel Salé
September 13, 2022 – January 29, 2023

Coming soon

Pierre Moignard. Mentir vrai
December 13, 2022 – April 2, 2023

Faith Ringgold
January 31 – July 2, 2023

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