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Modern Art and War Collide at Historic Exhibition in Harrisburg

Harrisburg, PA – Susquehanna Art Museum’s newest exhibition *The Modernists: Witnesses to the 20th Century* illustrates the development of the aesthetic known as Modernism as artists broke from long-standing artistic traditions. Featured works of art by world-renowned artists such as Marc Chagall, Georges Braque, Gustav Klimt, N.C. Wyeth, and Milton Avery were drawn from museum and private collections across the United States and curated by the Susquehanna Art Museum for this unprecedented exhibition.

During the early to mid-20th century, artists witnessed, documented, and even participated in two devastating world wars. The aftermath of the collective trauma the world experienced changed the trajectory of creative culture forever. As a result, artists rejected the realism favored by their predecessors and experimented with new subjects, techniques, and media to portray the post-war world as they saw it. This half-century movement that evolved from realism and moved toward abstraction came to be known as Modernism.



Marc Chagall, *L'Incendie dans La Neige*, 1940-43, gouache, pastel, pencil on paper. On loan courtesy of the Eric and Amy Huck Collection.

With special support from partner Art Bridges, Susquehanna Art Museum is offering a specially designed group of educational programs in concert with this exhibition. These programs will engage audiences through art history discussions, creative writing workshops, musical performances, and documentary screenings held in the Beverlee and Bill Lehr Gallery. Visit www.SusquehannaArtMuseum.org/galleries/The-Modernists for a full list of events.

The Modernists: Witnesses to the 20th Century is generously sponsored by UPMC. Artwork in this exhibition is on loan from Art Bridges, the Eric and Amy Huck Collection, Brandywine River Museum of Art, the Charles and Elizabeth Stone Collection, The Trout Gallery at Dickinson College, Reading Public Museum, Samek Art Museum at Bucknell University, The David C. Driskell Center at the University of Maryland, and ACA Galleries, NYC. The exhibition is on view October 10, 2020 – January 17, 2021.

Susquehanna Art Museum is located at 1401 N. 3rd Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102. Free parking is available to museum visitors in the lot behind the Museum at Calder and James Streets.

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