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LOVE FOR ART, LOVE IN ART

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Opening hours: by appointment from Monday to Friday from 10am to 6pm

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PRESENTATION OF THE EXHIBITION

Love for Art, Love in Art presents seven paintings of exceptional quality on the theme of Love, one of the most popular subjects in art and literature. These compositions reflect our taste for Italian Old Masters and for History, and with constant research we aim to place them in context and take them out of anonymity. Beyond the rediscovery of these paintings, the ultimate goal is to share them with the public, whether it be a collector, an *amateur* or an art historian.

Ranging from the poet Virgil's "Love conquers all" (*Omnia vincit Amor*) to an allegory of marital promise in sixteenth-century Venetian culture, or the discovery of eroticism, our paintings cover a repertoire of widely-varied romantic situations.

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Bernardino Licinio (c.1490-c.1550) shows a Venetian couple celebrating amorous sentiment as they engage in a promise of marriage and prosperity, while two extraordinary compositions by the Master S.B., an artist documented between 1635 and 1655, reveal a game of erotic seduction between a young man and a young woman.

The love affairs of the Olympians gods constitute one of the most favored subjects of Italian painting. Thus, Fedele Fischetti (1732-1792) paints Selene, the goddess of the Moon, as she spends the night admiring the beauty of her lover, Endymion, to whom Zeus has granted eternal youth in his sleep. The arrows emphasize not only the love that unites them but also the eroticism of the scene.

In turn, Louis Dorigny (1654-1742) interprets an Ovidian myth, in which Pan, the god of Nature, is in despair when the object of his desire, the nymph Syrinx, turns into a reed before his eyes as she flees from him.

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An allegorical composition by the sixteenth century artist Camillo Mainardi presents us with an original vision of the loves of Mars and Venus. The god of war, blinded by a Fury with a Medusa's head flogs Cupid and breaks his arrows, while he neglects Venus chained up in the background and seems to trample on the motto: *Omnia vincit Amor*. The erudition of this subject suggests an illustrious provenance such as that of the Gonzaga Court in Mantua.

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Bernardino Licinio (c. 1490 - ca. 1550) Young Lady and her Suitor Oil on wood panel, 32 x 45 in (81.3 x 114.3 cm) © Galerie Canesso Paris





Maestro S.B. (documented between 1635 and 1655) for the still-life Luigi Garzi, (1638-1721) attributed to, for the male figure Peintre romain actif vers 1660 for the female figure *Idyll by a Fountain Basin* (Still Life with Male Figure and Still Life with Female Figure) Oil on canvas, 46 1/2 x 63 in (118 x 160 cm) each © Galerie Canesso Paris



Fedele Fischetti (1732-1792)

Selene and Endymion

Oil on canvas, 25 3/16 x 30 7/16 in (64 x 77.3 cm)

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Louis Dorigny (1654-1742)

Pan and Syrinx

Oil on canvas, 57 3/4 x 44 11/16 in (146.7 x 113.5 cm)

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Camillo Mainardi (1544/1549-1608)

The Chastisement of Love
(Mars Whipping Cupid, Restrained by a Fury)
Oil on wood panel, 16 15/16 x 13 3/8 in (43 x 34 cm)

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