Installation view of *Marie Laurencin: Sapphic Paris* at the Barnes Foundation.

**Picturing a Modern World of Women among Women**

Beginning in the early 20th century, French artist Marie Laurencin (1883–1956) created a unique pictorial world that placed women at the center of modern art. With a highly original painting style that defied categorization, she moved seamlessly between the male-dominated cubist avant-garde, lesbian literary and artistic circles, and the realms of fashion, ballet, and decorative arts.

This exhibition explores Laurencin’s career, from her self-portraits to her collaborative decorative projects; from her early cubist paintings to her signature work—feminine and discreetly queer—that defined 1920s Paris. Presenting more than 50 works by Laurencin, it examines how her visualization of a “sapphic modernity” subtly but radically challenges existing narratives of modern European art.
Field Trips

In 75-minute guided tours at the Barnes, students will be divided into groups to see approximately three galleries in the permanent collection—featuring more than 3,000 works presented in symmetrical wall arrangements called ensembles, which combine paintings by European and American artists, African sculptures, Navajo textiles and jewelry, Pueblo pottery, metalwork, furniture, and more—and two main areas in the special exhibition. Guided experiences focus on slow looking and art exercises aimed at helping students find relevance in art, validating their opinions, enhancing art vocabulary, and inspiring their creative voice. As such, students will not see all the artworks in the galleries or special exhibition in one visit.

Tours take place Monday to Wednesday at 10 and 11:45 am. They include time in the Barnes collection and the special exhibition, and tour routes cannot be altered. Tours are tailored to meet the needs and abilities of each group. Please let us know of any accommodations we can make to help your students and chaperones feel welcome.

Field trips are free (including busing) for public and charter schools in the School Districts of Philadelphia and Camden. For all other school groups, field trips are $5 per person (Monday–Wednesday), or $10 per person for guided visits with additional self-guided access (Mondays only, grades 8 and up).

Students in grades 8 and above may self-guide with their chaperones instead of a guided tour. These visits offer more scheduling flexibility and may take place during Barnes open hours, pending availability. Self-guided visits ($5 per person) are essentially general admission tickets, and groups may need to wait in line with other visitors to enter galleries and special exhibition spaces.

Teacher Resources

Teachers may self-tour the special exhibition ahead of their field trip. Email education@barnesfoundation.org to arrange for a complimentary visit during open hours only. Learn more at barnesfoundation.org/whats-on/exhibitions/marie-laurencin.

Teachers can also watch an orientation video and download an informational presentation (grades 3–12). View the 53-minute video “The Collector,” an informative HBO documentary about the Barnes. Carefully review information about our policies, location, parking, eating lunch, and self-guiding information. Ensure everyone in your group is aware of the rules, including bag restrictions, and the roles of the chaperones. You can find this information at barnesfoundation.org/school-programs/teacher-resources.
Plan Your Visit

Learn more and complete the request form at barnesfoundation.org/school-programs. A member of the Barnes staff will respond by email to confirm and schedule your visit. If applicable, full payment, by check or credit card, is required at least two weeks before your visit. Payments are final and non-refundable.

Philadelphia public and charter schools get free transportation through Philly Transportation (email sharon@phillytrans.com, or call 215.842.1222 and ask to book into reserved times for the Barnes) or Yellowbird Bus Company (215.352.3042). Invoices from other bus companies or other schools will not be paid. Teachers are responsible for booking and confirming their own buses to and from the Barnes. Reserve now; subject to availability.

Plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to your entry time. Groups cannot stay in the building after their scheduled tour time, eat lunch at the Barnes, or self-tour without prior authorization. Be mindful that educators are scheduled specifically for you and respect their time by properly planning for transportation and chaperones.

Group Size & Chaperones

Guided and self-guided tours are available for groups of 10 to 60 students. School groups over 60 will be asked to schedule more than one visit. Large groups will be asked to split into smaller groups of 15 students or fewer with one or two chaperones.

We require one adult chaperone for every ten students in pre-K and kindergarten groups, and one adult for every 15 students in first grade and older. We can accommodate a maximum of two adults per 15 students for grades 1–12, and two adults per ten students for pre-K and kindergarten.

Guidelines

FOR STUDENTS

• Please be respectful by speaking at appropriate volumes and walking, not running, in the galleries.

• Be prepared to store all jackets and bags in the bins provided for your group when you arrive. No jackets, coats, or bags are allowed in the galleries. Security will inspect all bags.

• Look closely at the art but stay behind the dark line on the floor and don’t touch paintings, frames, furniture, or ironwork.
• Stay with your guide. School groups may not walk through the galleries unescorted.

• Put your phone away during guided tours. No flash, tripods, or selfie sticks allowed.

• Notetaking and sketching are permitted with graphite pencil and notebooks no larger than 9 x 12 inches.

FOR CHAPERONES

• Stay with your group during the entire visit. Chaperones are responsible for escorting students to the restrooms and in and out of the building. Ask your guide for restroom locations and emergency exits.

• Stay off your cell phone, and keep your attention focused on your students. Phone conversations are not permitted in the galleries.

• Help us protect the art. Make sure you and your students stay behind the dark line on the floor, and try to keep students in the center of the room.

• Keep food, drinks, and gum out of the galleries, classrooms, and auditorium.

Getting Here

The designated bus drop-off is located on Pennsylvania Avenue, between 20th and 21st Streets; navigate to 2024 Pennsylvania Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19130. The City of Philadelphia does NOT allow buses to park on city streets. The Callowhill Bus Center is the designated parking location for buses visiting the Barnes. The bus will drop you off on a street next to the Barnes. For safety, groups must stay with their chaperones and follow the pathway to the entrance. Do not walk through the parking lot.

The Barnes is within walking distance of several public transportation stops, including the SEPTA #7, #32, #33, #38, #48, and #49 bus routes. Paid street and on-site parking are available first-come first-served.

Lunch Information

If you have reserved our lunchroom, your guide will assist you in locating the space. If you do not have space reserved, weather permitting, your group may eat lunch outside on the benches by the fountain on 20th and the Parkway, or in the Rodin Sculpture Garden across 21st Street.

There are restaurants and other food options within walking distance, including Whole Foods Market, which has a buffet area. Additional dining options near the Barnes can be found on sites such as Tripadvisor.

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