

# ANDIPA GALLERY

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### **Henri Matisse: Works on Paper (1908 – 1952)**

Exhibition Dates: 15 March – 5 April 2010

Andipa Gallery is delighted to present an exhibition of drawings and graphics by Henri Matisse. Exploring works from the 1920's through to the 1950's, the show centres upon Matisse's exploration of the female nude, odalisque, and portraiture, many of which were inspired by the ballet dancer.

Alongside Picasso and Marcel Duchamp, Matisse is often cited as one of the most influential artists of the twentieth century. The artist initially intended to pursue a career in law, taking up employment as a legal clerk. It was only following an emergency operation for severe appendicitis in 1890, and a year confinement to bed, from which Matisse took up drawing. The gallery of Ambroise Vollard in Paris welcomed his first solo exhibition in 1904, following which Matisse began to exhibit at the *Salon d'Automne* and the *Salon des Indépendants* with a group of artists referred to as "*Les Fauves*". Displayed in a body of work spanning over half a century, Matisse's mastery of the expressive language of colour and drawing, won him recognition as a leading figure in modern art.

Matisse's exploration of line and form, as well as his obsession with the motif of the artist and the model, is visible throughout the exhibition. A mastery of simplicity of line and form is apparent in such works as *Nu a Genoux, Bras Derriere la Tete* (1930), *Nu au Fauteuil* (1935) and *La Pompadour* (1951). The fluidity of the line, merging into an arabesque of pattern, evident in the works on display, makes this exhibition one not to be missed.

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#### **Notes to Editors**

#### **Exhibition information**

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Andipa Gallery, 162 Walton Street, London, SW3 2JL

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Opening times: Monday to Friday 9:30am – 6pm, Saturday 11am – 6pm

Closest tube stations: Knightsbridge and South Kensington

Acoris Andipa, Director of the gallery, is available for interviews.

#### **About Andipa Gallery**

Andipa Gallery is a specialist dealer in modern and contemporary art ranging from Matisse, Picasso and Warhol, through to Damien Hirst and Banksy. Based in Knightsbridge for over 40 years, the gallery has a long-established reputation of providing clients with a high level of service in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere. Andipa now publishes and represents a selection of new contemporaries under the umbrella of Andipa Contemporary.

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