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# The exhibition of the Century

4 April ~ 5 July 1998

Modern Masterpieces from the Collection of the

**Stedelijk Museum**

Amsterdam

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Vincent van Gogh, *Kitchen Gardens on Montmartre, Paris 1887*, oil on canvas, 960 x 1200mm

## The Exhibition of the Century

The Exhibition of the Century offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view key 20th century paintings and sculpture in New Zealand. From April to July, modern masterpieces from the world-famous collection of the Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam will be on show at the City Gallery, Wellington for the must-see exhibition of 1998.

The exhibition chronicles the achievements of many of the great 20th century artists. Beginning with one of Vincent van Gogh's major landscapes and Paul Cézanne's famous image of Mount Sainte-Victoire, the show progresses by way of virtually all of the major figures of the modern era, up until the present day.

Important works by Picasso, Cézanne, Chagall, Mondrian, Malevich, Braque, Kandinsky, Pollock, De Kooning and Lichtenstein, are represented, alongside more recent international luminaries including Clemente, Schnabel, Gilbert & George and the controversial figure of Jeff Koons. The Exhibition of the Century enables a New Zealand audience to see paintings that have not only been important in global terms, but have also had a profound influence on the development of modern New Zealand art. The collection of masterpieces is not expected to leave Europe again.

## The City Gallery Wellington

The City Gallery, Wellington is New Zealand's leading contemporary art gallery. Situated in the heart of Wellington's Civic Square, the City Gallery is located in the Old Public Library building, which has been refitted to the highest international standards. Over the last 12 years the Gallery has achieved a high profile as a dynamic inner-city venue. It has forged a reputation for challenging and innovative exhibitions – presenting significant New Zealand artists alongside major international figures. The Exhibition of the Century has been negotiated by City Gallery director Paula Savage with Stedelijk Museum director Rudi Fuchs. It is a direct outcome of the City Gallery's commitment to developing professional relationships with leading overseas art museums and gallery directors.



## The Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam

Since its formation in 1895, the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam has established itself as one of the foremost galleries of modern art in the world. The Museum has built up an outstanding collection which includes many of the key artworks of the 20th century. As well as major paintings by Monet, Cézanne, Van Gogh and Picasso,



the Stedelijk Museum Collection includes the most important holding of work by the Russian Constructivist Kazimir Malevich in the world. (Five masterpieces by Malevich are included in The Exhibition of the Century.)

Marc Chagall, *Self-portrait with Seven Fingers* 1912-13, oil on canvas, 1260 x 1070mm, © Marc Chagall 1913 / ADAGP. Reproduced by permission of VISCOPY Ltd, Sydney 1997.

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## Tours & events

### Guided Tours

A public tour of key works in the exhibition will operate daily. Special guided tours for groups of 10+ people can also be booked in advance. Please contact the Gallery on 0800 ARTCITY (0800 278 248) for times and further details.

### Audioguides

An interactive audioguide is available for hire.

### Lectures and Events

Call 0800 ARTCITY for further details about our keynote lecture series, featuring New Zealand art experts. Other events include a programme of music, videos and talks. Check Wellington daily newspapers for details, pick up our Open City brochure, or call the Gallery Information Line on (04) 499 7390.

### Education Programmes

The exciting schools programme includes tours, workshops, outreach, teacher previews and resources. A programme is also available for Tertiary groups. Advance bookings are essential. Contact Justine McLisky Education Co-ordinator on (04) 801 3965, fax (04) 801 3950, email: justine.mclisky@wcc.govt.nz.

### Functions in the Gallery Foyer

To make your event a work of art, call Events Co-ordinator Helen Nyberg on (04) 801 3961. Opportunities to host corporate breakfasts, cocktail functions and dinners may be available.



Kazimir Malevich,  
*Suprematism (Black  
Cross on Red Oval)*  
1921-27,  
oil on canvas,  
1005 x 600mm



Claes Oldenburg,  
*Saw (Hard Version II)*, 1971  
wood, aluminium  
2400 x 1360 x 2670mm  
© Claes Oldenburg,  
1971, 1998

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