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More than 400,000 visit *MoMA at NGV*

9 June 2018 – 8 October 2018 | NGV International | Admission fees apply



15 October 2018: Direct from New York and co-curated by the NGV and the Museum of Modern Art, *MoMA at NGV: 130 Years of Modern and Contemporary Art* was visited by 404,034 visitors before closing its doors earlier this week.

Extended due to popular demand, the exhibition is NGV's second most attended ticketed exhibition on record.

The internationally exclusive *MoMA at NGV: 130 Years of Modern and Contemporary Art* presented more than 230 modern and contemporary masterpieces by artists including

Georgia O'Keeffe, Vincent van Gogh and Frida Kahlo. Part of the Victorian Government's Melbourne Winter Masterpieces series, the exhibition was the largest instalment of the series to date.

The exhibition was celebrated with MEL&NYC, a state-wide cultural festival which featured theatre, dance, live music, talks, performance, dining and community-led events, presented by leading Melbourne organisations and communities that explored culture, politics, business and the everyday experience as seen through the eyes of New Yorkers and Australians.

The next major exhibition at NGV International will be the highly anticipated Summer blockbuster, *Escher x nendo | Between Two Worlds* on 2 December.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Creative Industries, Martin Foley:

'Demonstrating yet again our enormous appetite for great art, *MoMA at NGV* has been another highly successful blockbuster exhibition for Melbourne, and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for local audiences to see so many iconic works.'

'Exhibitions like this are among the top reasons tourists are flocking to Victoria. Last year cultural tourism injected \$2 billion into our state economy, an 88% increase from 2013, and this trend is set to continue.'

'Bringing these works to Australia has been another coup for Victoria and for our NGV, which continues to cement its position as one of the great art galleries of the world.'

Quotes attributable to NGV Director, Tony Ellwood AM:

'The NGV is proud to have co-curated and presented this exhibition in collaboration with the Museum of Modern Art. We are thrilled so many visitors enjoyed this international exclusive exhibition, which brought some of the most important works of art and design from MoMA's impressive collection from the likes of Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo, Georgia O'Keeffe and Vincent Van Gogh to Australia for the first time.'

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IMAGE CAPTION:

Larah, 7, Murat, 9, Nadine, 14, Grace, 15, Benjamin, 16 and Dani, 17 being measured for *Measuring the universe*, 2017 which was on display at MoMA at NGV

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