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**The Horse**


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**GROUND LEVEL, NGV INTERNATIONAL**

14 AUG – 8 NOV 2015



*The Horse* is a playful and enlightening exhibition celebrating the role this majestic animal has played in the development of human civilisation throughout the millennia. Drawn from the National Gallery of Victoria's collection, the exhibition depicts and celebrates this magnificent animal through works spanning a 3000 year period. From noble steed to the work-horse, the exhibition begins with ancient depictions in Greek mythology, segueing to China during the Han and Tang dynasties, then turning to India during the Mughal Empire (1526–1827).

*The Horse* also explores the animal's more recent manifestations ranging from horse racing to the glamour of equestrian imagery in today's fashion world. Panoramic in its breadth and encyclopaedic in its scope, the exhibition ranges from ancient Greek vases, photographs and major oils on canvas, to saddles, sculptures, riding garments and a Melbourne Cup.

**Jenny Watson**  
*Horse series No. 8, grey with pink rug* 1974  
 National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne  
 Purchased 1991  
 © Courtesy of the artist

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**Student Programs**


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**Exhibition Introduction**
**All levels**

Be inspired by the revolutionary impact of the horse from antiquity to the present day. Students will consider the many ways artists have represented the horse through historical and contemporary artworks from a range of cultures.

Cost \$7 (1hr)

**Meet your muse, the horse**
**All levels**

Spark creativity and stimulate observation with a focused sketching session in *The Horse* exhibition. Through a guided discussion and range of drawing activities, students will discover how the horse has inspired many artists, throughout the millennia.

Cost \$11 (1.5hrs)

**Bookings and enquiries**

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