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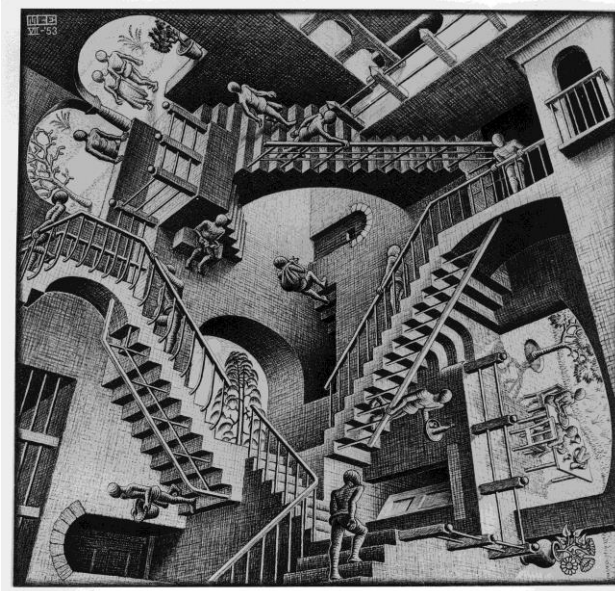
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NGV Spring/Summer 2018/19 season: blockbuster exhibition intertwines the work of artist M.C. Escher and design studio nendo



24 April 2018: The world-premiere exhibition *Between Two Worlds | Escher X nendo* is the centrepiece of the National Gallery of Victoria's Spring/Summer 2018/19 season. Featuring more than 160 extraordinary prints and drawings by Dutch artist **M.C. Escher**, presented in an immersive environment created by acclaimed Japanese design studio **nendo**, this exhibition intertwines the worlds of both artist and designer in a masterful and enigmatic visual presentation.

Celebrated as a master of optical illusion, Escher created some of the most iconic images of the twentieth century. Drawn from the world's largest collection of Escher's work in the Gemeentemuseum in The Hague, this expansive exhibition is the first major Australian presentation of the artist's work and will cover the full span of the artist's career, from 1916 through to his final work produced in 1969.

As one of the leading design studios in the world, nendo will draw upon their unique design approach to create a deeply immersive exhibition experience inspired by M.C. Escher. Through the ingenious manipulation of geometry, space and perception, nendo's never-before-seen exhibition design will transcend tradition and present Escher's work in new and surprising contexts.

Tony Ellwood, Director, NGV said: 'National Gallery of Victoria's Spring/Summer season for 2018/19 reflects our commitment to presenting a dynamic and full program for our diverse audiences. At the heart of this program is the never-before-seen exhibition, *Between Two Worlds | Escher X nendo*, which will showcase the consummate skill and unique vision of both artist and designer. Conceptualised by the NGV, this exhibition further cements the Gallery's reputation as a destination for both art and design in our region.'

Minister for Creative Industries Martin Foley said: 'Victorians are once again set for a surprising, immersive and highly creative season of contemporary art and design this spring/summer.'

'The NGV continues to raise the bar – bringing together the work of some of the world's best creative minds in fresh and exciting ways. With a full program of exhibitions, events and activities, there will be plenty more reasons to visit the NGV and enjoy the best of our creative state.'

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Presented alongside this Melbourne-exclusive exhibition will be a dynamic program of events, programs and exhibitions throughout spring and summer at NGV International and NGV Australia, including major solo exhibitions by **Polly Borland**, **Julian Opie**, **Hito Steyerl** and **William Wegman**.

A highlight of Melbourne's event calendar, the NGV Gala, a black-tie ball featuring art, fashion, music, fine wine and food, will coincide with the opening of the world-premiere exhibition, *Between Two Worlds | Escher X nendo*, on 1 December 2018 at NGV International.

***Between Two Worlds | Escher X nendo* will be on display at NGV International from 2 December 2018 to 7 April 2019. Tickets and information are available from the NGV website: NGV.MELBOURNE**

The NGV Gala will be held on 1 December 2018 at NGV International. Tickets are on sale from April 26 2018 at 6pm from NGV.MELBOURNE. To celebrate American Express's partnership with the NGV, all Amex Card Members have access to an exclusive pre-sale and are able to purchase tickets to the NGV Gala now through the American Express Invites website.

For further information of further programs, events and exhibitions in the NGV's Spring/Summer 2018/9 season please visit the NGV website: NGV.MELBOURNE

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