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PRESSED FOR TIME: HISTORY OF PRINTMAKING AT THE FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

(Flint, MI) *Pressed for Time: History of Printmaking* will be on view September 10 through December 30. The exhibition is a historical survey of the four major forms of printmaking in the Western world. Drawn from the collections of the Flint Institute of Arts and the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, along with loans from private collectors, the works highlight the remarkable diversity and ingenuity of this medium.

Beginning with a 15th-century German woodcut continuing through to the 21st, with a silkscreen print by American artist Shepard Fairey, this exhibition includes works by Dürer, Rembrandt, Whistler, Picasso, Miró, Matisse, Bearden, and Warhol. The exhibition will be presented in four sections that also follow the technical development of printmaking: 1) Relief (woodcut, wood engraving, linocut) is the earliest form of printmaking; 2) Intaglio (engraving, etching) emerged shortly after and offered artists greater detail; 3) Planographic (lithography) a 19th-century invention and quickly embraced by artists for its similarity to painting; and 4) Stencil (screenprinting) the most recent printmaking process in the 20th century. The exhibition will conclude with a brief look at the new medium of digital printing.

Over the last five centuries, the creative potential of printmaking has attracted many of the world's great artists. With the abundance of printed material today, many people do not understand the difference between an original print and a reproduction. Through detailed explanations, the historical development of how the various processes work, and the technical characteristics of an original print, visitors can increase their awareness and appreciation of this medium.

The Flint Institute of Arts is located just two blocks off I-475 in the Flint Cultural Center between the University of Michigan-Flint and Mott Community College. Museum hours are Monday – Friday, 12p–5p; Saturday, 10a–5p; Sunday, 1p–5p. Admission to the FIA is free to members and children under 12; Adults \$7; Senior Citizens and Students \$5. Saturdays are free thanks to Huntington Bank.

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