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An unexpected look at the iconic work of Andrew and Jamie Wyeth opens in 2015 at the Denver Art Museum

Denver-organized exhibition offers new, intimate look at the interconnected approach and artistic practices of father-and-son artists Andrew and Jamie Wyeth

DENVER – The Denver Art Museum (DAM) will present an unprecedented exhibition of this scale exploring the art of Andrew Wyeth and his son, Jamie Wyeth. On view Nov. 8, 2015–Feb. 7, 2016, *Wyeth: Andrew and Jamie in the Studio* is organized by the DAM and will feature more than 100 works executed in a variety of media: pen and ink, graphite, charcoal, watercolor, dry brush, tempera, oil and mixed media. *Wyeth* will travel to Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza in Madrid, Spain, following its presentation in Colorado.



the Studio explores the between connection two artists who are inextricably linked by their shared artistic habits of mind, while each maintaining his own unique artistic voice," said Timothy J. Standring, the Denver Art Museum's Gates Foundation Curator of Painting and Sculpture and curator of Wyeth. "Never before has an exhibition displayed their work together on this scale and in the shared context of their autobiographies, studio practices and imaginations."

"Wveth: Andrew and Jamie in

Jamie Wyeth, Portrait of Lady, 1968. Oil on canvas. © Jamie Wyeth.

By looking at the artists' creative processes through the lens of their studio practice, visitors will develop a nuanced understanding of the discipline, mastery of technique and imagination inherent in the work on view. *Wyeth* is the first exhibition to deeply examine the common threads that run through their works, while illuminating each artist's distinctive practice. "I want to be known as the father of the artist Jamie Wyeth," Andrew once stated. Jamie has claimed that he learned the most about art from his father.

"Visitors who are new to the work of Andrew and Jamie Wyeth, and those who know these artists well, will delight in seeing their art converge and diverge over the years," said Christoph Heinrich, Frederick and Jan Mayer Director of the Denver Art Museum. "Their intense desire to communicate emotions through their art is surely the core experience visitors will take away from these two iconic American painters."

Wyeth: Andrew and Jamie in the Studio will be on view in the Anschutz and Martin and McCormick galleries on level 2 of the Denver Art Museum's Hamilton Building. The exhibition will be ticketed, with tickets on sale in fall 2015.



Andrew Wyeth, Faraway, 1952. Drybrush. © Andrew Wyeth. Phyllis and Jamie Wyeth Collection.

Exhibition Catalog

An exhibition catalog, published by the Denver Art Museum in association with Yale University Press, will be available in The Shop at the Denver Art Museum in the fall of 2015.

Exhibition Organizers and Sponsors

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