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ARTIS—NAPLES, THE BAKER MUSEUM ANNOUNCES OPENING OF *TAMARA DE LEMPICKA*

***Art Deco icon's bold, modern vision comes to The Baker Museum
in collaboration with Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco***

Naples, FL (November 6, 2025) – Artis—Naples, The Baker Museum announces the exhibition *Tamara de Lempicka*, now on view through February 8, 2026. Organized by the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco and originally curated by Furio Rinaldi, this major exhibition explores the artist's singular contributions to modern art through a selection of her most striking paintings and drawings, tracing her rise to prominence in 1920s Paris and her later years in the United States and Mexico. The exhibition arrives amid the worldwide centennial celebration of Art Deco, the design movement that shaped the modern aesthetic and continues to influence art, architecture and fashion a century later.

With works that exude cool elegance and sensuality, Tamara de Lempicka (1894-1980) helped define the Art Deco era. Her distinctive portraits and stylized forms captured the glamour of postwar Paris, the vitality of café society and the cosmopolitan allure of Hollywood. The exhibition features examples from across her career, from early post-Cubist compositions to introspective late still lifes, alongside select period photographs and notable loans from private and institutional collections, including works from the collection of Naples philanthropists Patty and Jay Baker.

"Lempicka's work continues to resonate with audiences because of its bold modernity and self-assured vision," said The Baker Museum Director and Chief Curator Courtney McNeil. "Her mastery of form and fascination with identity, style and independence make her one of the defining artists of her generation. We are proud to collaborate with the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco to share this exceptional exhibition with our visitors."

"This exhibition reflects the growing ambition and reach of Artis—Naples, especially through the continued evolution of The Baker Museum," said Artis—Naples CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen. "Presenting the work of Tamara de Lempicka in collaboration with one of the nation's leading art institutions underscores our commitment to bringing world-class art to Southwest Florida and to fostering partnerships that inspire audiences across disciplines. The Baker Museum's recent accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums further affirms that excellence and helps pave the way for collaborations of this caliber."

This presentation at Artis—Naples, The Baker Museum is curated by Courtney McNeil, museum director and chief curator, with Furio Rinaldi, curator in charge at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco.

Tamara de Lempicka is *generously sponsored by the Collier County Tourist Development Council, Douglas M. VanOort, Waterside Shops and Jeri L. Wolfson.*

Related Programming—

Exhibition Lecture: *Tamara de Lempicka*

Alison de Lima Greene, Isabel Brown Wilson Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

Join Museum of Fine Arts, Houston Curator Alison de Lima Greene for an introduction to the remarkable arc of Tamara de Lempicka's career as she rose to the pinnacle of café society in 1920s and 1930s Paris—and her American odyssey after she fled Europe in 1939.

Wednesday, November 5, 2pm • Ubben Signature Event Space

Film Screening: *The True Story of Tamara de Lempicka & The Art of Survival*

Narrated by Anjelica Huston and directed by Julie Rubio, this documentary traces Lempicka's journey from the vibrant streets of 1920s Paris to her life in the United States, exploring the artist's creative resilience and enduring legacy.

Tuesday, December 10, 10am • Daniels Pavilion

Tuesday, January 20, 10am • Daniels Pavilion

ARTIS—NAPLES

Artis—Naples, home of The Baker Museum and Naples Philharmonic, creates and presents world-class visual and performing arts. Through our multidisciplinary offerings, we inspire, educate and entertain to engage and enrich the growing and diversifying community.

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Led by CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen and Artistic and Music Director Alexander Shelley, Artis—Naples offers more than 800 performing and visual arts experiences annually across its 8.5-acre Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Cultural Campus and throughout the community.

Artis—Naples welcomes hundreds of thousands of visitors each year for a broad array of artistic and educational opportunities perfect for audiences of all backgrounds and interests. The cultural campus is home to five buildings, including two performance halls (Frances Pew Hayes Hall and Myra J. Daniels Pavilion), The Baker Museum, the Toni Stabile Education Building and the Kohan Administration Building.

NAPLES PHILHARMONIC

The Naples Philharmonic has long been recognized as one of the cornerstones of Southwest Florida's arts community. As part of Artis—Naples, the Naples Philharmonic performs more than 140 orchestral and chamber music concerts, as well as opera and ballet, education, community and special event concerts annually between September and June in the 1,477-seat Hayes Hall, the 283-seat Daniels Pavilion and around Southwest Florida. The Naples Philharmonic has enjoyed a history of working with world-class music directors. Following a successful inaugural season in 2024-25, Alexander Shelley commences his second season as artistic and music director in 2025-26. Renowned violinist James Ehnes continues as artistic partner through the 2025-26 season, working with Naples Philharmonic musicians in a variety of settings with a focus on inspiring and embodying a high level of artistry. Podium leadership also includes Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly, celebrating 16 years in this role in the 2025-26 season and bringing pops performances that celebrate music across genres.

THE BAKER MUSEUM

The Baker Museum is the foremost fine art museum in Southwest Florida, presenting an ambitious slate of exhibitions annually to complement installations of works from its permanent collection. Comprising more than 3,000 objects, the museum's broad holdings of 20th- and 21st-century art reflect particular strengths in modern art of the United States and Mexico. The Baker Museum's collection demonstrates the generosity and commitment of area collectors, including significant gifts from the collection of the late Olga Hirshhorn.

In 2025, The Baker Museum was accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, the highest national recognition for museums in the United States, affirming the museum's commitment to excellence, accountability and public service.

With more than two decades of collecting and exhibiting, the museum is committed to the stewardship and scholarship of its collections and to fostering inspiring and transformative experiences with the visual arts. At the same time, The Baker Museum partners with the world's leading arts institutions to make extraordinary exhibitions accessible to the Southwest Florida community—including recently the National Portrait Gallery, London and the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation. In 2020, Artis—Naples celebrated the renovation and expansion of The Baker Museum and adjoining Norris Garden, designed by Weiss/Manfredi Architecture/Landscape/Urbanism, which created new spaces for multidisciplinary exploration and social interaction.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

In addition to creating and presenting visual and performing arts, Artis—Naples provides robust education and community activities for students of all ages in Collier and Lee counties. Each season, thousands of Collier County Public School students interact with Artis—Naples education programming, both on our cultural campus and in their classrooms. Beyond our commitment to youth education, the Lifelong Learning program provides informative lectures and study opportunities for adults seeking to engage more deeply with the arts.

The Friends of Artis—Naples, comprised of more than 3,500 donor households, offers activities, travel experiences and events designed to foster a deeper relationship between patrons and the arts.

In 2017, Artis—Naples acquired the Naples International Film Festival (NIFF), expanding its film offerings and providing a platform for the festival's continued excellence and growth. In 2023, the festival's 15th anniversary year, NIFF was named one of *MovieMaker* Magazine's "20 Great Film Festivals in Vacation Destinations."

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