

**Saturday, August 12, 2017**

San Francisco's  
**Legion of Honor Museum**

**Degas,  
Impressionism,  
and the Paris  
Millinery Trade**



*Degas, Impressionism, and the Paris Millinery Trade* features 60 Impressionist paintings and pastels, including key works by Degas—many never before exhibited in the United States—as well as those by Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Edouard Manet, Mary Cassatt, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, and 40 exquisite examples of period hats.

Best known for his depictions of Parisian dancers and laundresses, Edgar Degas (French, 1834-1917) was enthralled with another aspect of life in the French capital—high-fashion hats and the women who created them. The artist, invariably well-dressed and behatted himself, “dared to go into ecstasies in front of the milliners’ shops,” Paul Gauguin wrote of his lifelong friend.

Degas’ fascination inspired a visually compelling and profoundly modern body of work that documents the lives of what one fashion writer of the day called “the aristocracy of the workwomen of Paris, the most elegant and distinguished.” Yet despite the importance of millinery within Degas’s oeuvre, there has been little discussion of its place in Impressionist iconography.

The exhibition will be the first to examine the height of the millinery trade in Paris from around 1875 to 1914 as reflected in the work of the Impressionists. At this time, there were around 1,000 milliners working in what was then considered the fashion capital of the world.

Bus will be departing from the VA Hospital at Clinton & Fresno Streets at 7:00 am and arriving in San Francisco around 11:30 am. The day will be spent at the Legion with a 3:00 pm departure for Oakland’s Jack London Square to catch the end of *the Jack of All Trades Market* (described as “an eclectic market featuring one-of-a-kind items and live music”) and dinner in one of the fine restaurants along the Bay, with a return to Fresno at approximately 11:00 pm.

**Bus Excursion: \$135 FAM members\*  
\$150 non-members\***

\* Age 65+ may deduct \$4 from their registration fee.

Price includes round trip bus fare, a breakfast snack, entrance to the Legion and the special exhibition, and wine en route to Oakland.

Lunch at the Legion’s Cafe and dinner at Jack London Square on your own. A list of restaurants and a map of the Square will be provided. Bus driver gratuity not included.

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All registered travelers are invited to join Fresno Art Museum Executive Director & Chief Curator, Michele Ellis Pracy for an informative talk on the Legion’s exhibition on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 5 pm in FAM’s Bonner Auditorium.

Lecture free to all registered travelers. All others, \$5 for FAM members, and \$10 for non-members. Limited seating.

Oakland’s  
Jack London  
Square



**Booking Deadline for Registration:  
Thursday, July 27, 2017, 5 pm**

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