

BELVEDERE: Masterpieces of Floral Art from the Belvedere Go on View in Beijing

"Blooming Hearts Through Centuries" at the Beijing World Art Museum

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Until September 19, 2026, the Belvedere is presenting the exhibition *Blooming Hearts Through Centuries. From Waldmüller to Klimt. Floral Masterpieces from the Belvedere, Vienna* in Beijing. The exhibition offers a comprehensive overview of the development of Austrian flower painting from the Biedermeier period to Viennese Modernism. Bringing together sixty works by thirty-five artists from the Belvedere's collection, the exhibition makes outstanding works of Austrian art history accessible to a Chinese audience and international guests.

Flowers are a universal theme of art, one that connects people and cultures. We are deeply honored to present this exhibition in China—especially on the occasion of the 55th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Austria and China. With this exhibition, we invite audiences in Beijing to discover the beauty and richness of the Belvedere's art, says Stella Rollig, General Director of the Belvedere.

The exhibition was officially opened in Beijing on June 12 by H.E. Ambassador Wolf Dietrich Heim, senior representatives of the Chinese cultural administration, the leadership of the World Art Museum, and Belvedere General Director Stella Rollig. Even before it started, the show had attracted a great deal of media attention.

Curated by Franz Smola (Belvedere) and Chao Zhang (MuseRoam Art Limited), the exhibition spans a breadth of works ranging from eighteenth-century botanical illustrations to the intimate floral paintings of the Biedermeier period and the artistic innovations of Viennese Modernism. Ferdinand Georg Waldmüller's *Still Life with Fruit, Flowers, and a Silver Cup*, Gustav Klimt's *After the Rain*, and Egon Schiele's *Sunflowers I* are among the highlights of the presentation.

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