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**NAPLES ART TRANSPORTS AUDIENCES BACK TO THE FAMED *BELLE ÉPOQUE* WITH
TOULOUSE-LAUTREC EXHIBITION MARCH 19TH – JUNE 12TH**

Naples, FL (January 24, 2022) — Naples Art's exhibition **Toulouse-Lautrec: *Master of the Belle Époque*** will bring to life the vivid, late 19th-century Parisian world of Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, one of the greatest masters in the history of art. Opening Saturday, March 19th, the exhibition will feature more than 150 pieces from the largest, privately held collection of the artist's graphic works, including posters, lithographs, sketches, illustrations and watercolors, together with videos and photographs.

This stunning and evocative exhibition immerses visitors in the avant-garde culture of 1890's France through Toulouse-Lautrec's illustrations of the period--an incredible array of works from his decade-long career, depicting the vivid spaces, subjects, and entertainments of Paris at the turn of the 20th century.

Among the most famous works featured in the exhibition are color lithographs (such as *Jane Avril*, 1893), advertising posters (such as *The Passenger of Cabin 54*, 1895, and *Aristide Bruant in his Cabaret*, 1893), pencil and ink drawings, commercial sketches and magazine illustrations (such as *La Revue blanche*, 1895) which have come to symbolize an age inextricably linked to the images produced by Viscount Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec.

Toulouse-Lautrec's upbringing in aristocratic French society stands in stark contrast to the Bohemian, anti-bourgeois world he depicted in his celebrated work--the non-conformist world in which he felt most at home. Stunted in his growth as a child and shunned from elite society, Toulouse-Lautrec used commercial media – most notably advertising – to help blur the lines that separated what was deemed “high” and “low” art of the time.

"Toulouse-Lautrec was an artist who observed and documented with profound psychological insight the personalities and facets of Parisian nightlife," said Frank Verpoorten, executive director and chief curator of Naples Art. "He gave notoriety and dignity to the marginalized sub-culture of French society whom he depicted with sympathetic affection. As one of modernism's most humane and influential artists, Toulouse-Lautrec was also a technical pioneer who was at the forefront of modern printmaking. His iconic portrayals of the splendid and decadent nightlife of Paris' *Belle Époque* are forever imprinted on our collective imagination."

After a number of detailed introductions to the artist and his period, the exhibition is divided into ten thematic sections, all relating to the artist and the context of late 19th-century Paris, during the exciting *Belle Époque*:

1. Advertising Posters
2. Aristide Bruant
3. Drawings
4. The Belle Époque
5. Le Revue Blanche
6. Le Rire
7. Lithography
8. The Café-Concerts
9. The Legacy of Toulouse-Lautrec
10. Yvette Guilbert

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Toulouse-Lautrec: *Master of the Belle Époque* is a Single Source Traveling Exhibition organized by PAN Art Connections.

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About Naples Art

Naples Art is a vibrant, non-profit contemporary visual arts organization that has served and enriched the Naples community since its inception in 1954. Naples Art serves as a vibrant, inclusive cultural destination for art education, art exposure, and experimentation. Our mission is to enlighten, engage, educate, and enrich our community by providing a platform and programming to foster creativity through making, learning about, seeing, and discussing art.

Naples Art offers over 100 art classes and workshops for adults and children of all levels, our ARTScool summer arts education program for kids, art exhibitions throughout the year, a myriad of collaborative outreach programs with area non-profits, and an annual roster of outdoor art shows: Art in the Park (the community's oldest outdoor art show), the Naples New Year's Art Show, the Naples National Art Show, and the Naples Downtown Art Show.

Naples Art is located at 585 Park Street, one block south of the prestigious Fifth Avenue South. For more information about Naples Art, please visit www.NaplesArt.org or call 239.262.6517. Follow Naples Art on Facebook @naplesartcenter and Instagram @naples_art.

HOURS and ADMISSION FROM MARCH 19 – JUN 12, 2022:

Mon – Sat 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Thursday evenings – open until 9 p.m.

Sun 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Admission: Adults: \$15

Members: \$10

Students (with valid I.D.): \$10

Children (18 and under): free

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