

### **The Modern Myth: Drawing Mythologies in Modern Times**

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The Paul J. Sachs Drawings Galleries, third floor

Throughout history, humankind has sought to make sense of the world through myths. These stories, often taking visual forms, have been both preserved and transformed over the years as they have been repictured and retold. Artists have long considered mythology part of their aesthetic language, a tradition continued by modern and contemporary artists who address and reinterpret mythologies in their works. *The Modern Myth* features works on paper from the collection of The Museum of Modern Art that engage elements of ancient mythological narratives, incorporating them into new visual repertoires. Arranged thematically, it includes work from 1797 through 2008 beginning with Francisco de Goya and continuing through today's contemporary artists. The exhibition unfolds in three chapters, presenting modern depictions of classical mythologies, artists' own imaginary cosmologies and archaic figurations, and contemporary art featuring new mythologies—ever-evolving fictional worlds, utopian visions, ideals, and worldviews that themselves generate new artistic typologies and narratives. Among the artists represented are Matthew Barney, Joseph Beuys, Paul Cézanne, Enrique Chagoya, Salvador Dalí, André Derain, Marcel Duchamp, Willem de Kooning, Juan Downey, Max Ernst, Paul Gauguin, Adolph Gottlieb, Arshile Gorky, Wifredo Lam, Matta, Ana Mendieta, Wangechi Mutu, Pablo Picasso, Richard Prince, Jackson Pollock, Odilon Redon, Mark Rothko, Jim Shaw and Andy Warhol. The exhibition is organized by Geaninne Gutiérrez-Guimarães, Curatorial Assistant, Department of Drawings, with Luis Pérez-Oramas, The Estrellita Brodsky Curator of Latin American Art, The Museum of Modern Art.

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**Public Information:**

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**Hours:** Wednesday through Monday: 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friday: 10:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Closed Tuesday

**Museum Admission:** \$20 adults; \$16 seniors, 65 years and over with I.D.; \$12 full-time students with current I.D. Free, members and children 16 and under. (Includes admittance to Museum galleries and film programs). Target Free Friday Nights 4:00-8:00 p.m.

**Film Admission:** \$10 adults; \$8 seniors, 65 years and over with I.D. \$6 full-time students with current I.D. (For admittance to film programs only)