



MASTERFUL LIKENESS DUTCH DRAWINGS OF THE GOLDEN AGE

During the seventeenth century, Dutch political and religious freedom and supremacy at sea ushered in an era of economic prosperity. In this golden age, the art market flourished as members of a rising merchant class sought luxury goods to decorate their homes and assert their status. Artists met this new demand by producing vast numbers of paintings as well as highly finished drawings. This exhibition from the Getty Museum's collection brings together drawn landscapes, topographical views, portraits, and scenes of daily life, underscoring Dutch artists' masterful description of the world around them. As they chronicled architecture, customs, people, and pastimes, these compelling drawings helped shape the emerging national identity of the Dutch Republic.



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