

## Vermeer painting (The Milkmaid) coming to the New York Metropolitan Museum

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*The Milkmaid, perhaps the most admired painting by Johannes Vermeer (1632–1675), will be sent on loan to the Metropolitan Museum in New York.*

On the occasion of the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's historic voyage to Manhattan from Amsterdam, that city's Rijksmuseum will send *The Milkmaid*, perhaps the most admired painting by Johannes Vermeer (1632–1675), to the Metropolitan Museum. To celebrate this extraordinary loan, the Metropolitan Museum will present Vermeer's Masterpiece *The Milkmaid*, a special exhibition that will bring together all five paintings by Vermeer from its collection, along with a select group of works by other Dutch artists, placing Vermeer's superb picture in its historical context. Along with *The Milkmaid*, important works by Pieter de Hooch, Gabriël Metsu, Nicolaes Maes, Emanuel de Witte, and Gerard ter Borch will be on view. All were masters who, like Vermeer, were active during the remarkable period of exploration, trade, and artistic flowering that occurred during the Dutch Golden Age in the seventeenth century. Vermeer's Masterpiece *The Milkmaid* will mark the first time that the painting has traveled to the United States since it was exhibited at the 1939 World's Fair.

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