

Objectified: The Female Form and the Male Gaze

Post-it Comments

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It reminded me to not be complacent – I felt angry.

Introspective.

Loved the thoughtful questions.

Seems to me the writer of the questions wants to push an agenda.

Ditto.

Grateful. I taught my daughter to value themselves as intelligent free thinkers.

Titan- winner! Blind Venus...yikes! Titan was beautiful! That “thing” next to it just scared me...just like your FemiNazi agenda scares me!

“The Alps” makes me want to fly.

Trump 2020.

Very beautiful and well organized. I felt relaxed walking through halls covered in beautiful art.

Well...I understand the context/purpose but some of the questions/comments were self-serving and misleading. Enjoy the nudes.

I prefer to consider art without being told what to think...

It caused potential research questions!

Loved the exhibit – really portrayed how women are viewed by men and displayed for the male gaze.

I didn't know what was part of it and what wasn't. Was it older collected works or was it supposed to be newly produced art?

Are male nudes objectified too?

#metoo.

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It exposed the naked truth of male dominance throughout.

Males will forever be ALPHA! #youtoo.

Simplistic, overtly feminist. Somewhat militant. Yeah, I'm a guy. Nice work on walls.

Wow. Sure provoked response.

I'm surprised that people are so offended by beautiful women. Thank you, God, for making us male and female.

If art offends you, maybe you should stay out.

Excellent! Should start conversations.

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I am a person not a sex.

Cool.

The arrogance of trying to convince the viewer that a thought crime/crime think occurred.

An awareness of the assumptions I make and what I take for granted.

How angry I felt and happy to read very thoughtful descriptions and great questions for viewers.

Women display themselves way more than men display them. Wise up.

Sad that some of the ignorant, misogynist comments on the pink post-its mean the writers of the comments missed the big picture. #metoo.

I feel felt.

Great variety of work in style and time period. Wish there was made more convo about the objectification of POC bodies.

Very thought provoking and crazy to see where we came from. Explains roots of sexism and rape culture.

Loved the thoughtful questions.

Feminism – more vital than ever.

#GirlPower The future is female.

I think it is an important conversation to be had and really makes the viewer think about women portrayed in art.

The artistic capabilities.

A woman can't even take a damn bath in peace.

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Get out.

The female form is fantastic and lovely.

I was straight – slime.

Loved the exhibit – really portrayed how women are viewed by men and displayed for the male gaze!

It was scary and cool but I though the benches were art.

I like statues.

I feel like it's interesting.

#GodIsAWoman – men are poop 😊

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It exposed the naked truth of male dominance throughout history.

[what did you like?] The painting and color and style.

[what did you like?] Very clean professional and free.

A lot of nude for my taste.

Pretty is NOT the rent. You owe to exist in this world. #YesAllWomen.

Lots of boobs and babies.

Beautiful – great show! Smells great!

I thought it was something very exciting to see 😊

The person who wrote the cards is applauded for sparking: thought, debate, and hopefully conversation.

So diverse.

Beauty has no limits or boundaries. Women are beautiful, but we are not objects.

It's upsetting to see some of the hateful comments left on the wall. Can women just have one chance to feel empowered without every man leaving his "opinion"? I enjoyed the exhibit.

It's time for women to have their time.

I love it.

I like pictures.

All the cool stuff (heart emoji).

Well-curated and interesting. Would like to see it expanded! Juxtaposed with more works by female artists.

I am a feminist but not a prude. The suggestion that nude models have exploited is narrow minded. Nothing wrong with nudity or sex.

An honest and sometimes unnerving portal. What is beauty?

Thank you to all the donors of the art.

Very informative and cool.

I thought it represented the struggle of females and our struggle to have equal rights.

It made a certain taste of those art works; male gaze. Indeed uncomfortable yet, some works are dedicated for beauty of body as same as male body.

Great finds! Blind Venus is fantastic! Thank you.

Important for us all to examine.

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Absolutely amazing! I felt represented and inspired. Refreshing! Blind Venus is one of my favorite pieces I've seen.

Amazing discoveries.

Fabulous way to unite visitors to All our art. Keep on – Keepin' on.

Lot of hateful liberals have posted their identity politics here! Sad to see they can't stop their have even at an art museum.

Loved it.

Facts don't care about your feelings – deal with it. It's history and can't be changed.

Very clean, professional, and free.

Male centered society is still as prevalent today using women as objects! #MeToo.

Loved it. First time have been here, would like to come again with family.

This was amazing.

Amazing.

Thought provoking – thanks.

I felt happy about the exhibit.

I believe that women are beautiful and equal.

Made me a little bit mad, a little bit sick, and a little bit proud.

Great choice of pieces and questions to consider. Sex sells!

Interesting to think about the male gaze. I loved the women of distinction exhibit as a counter view.

The female form is fantastic and lovely.

Cool pictures.

Nice, this is some old stuff.

Beautiful art work. Every piece of work has its own creativity and use of mixed media.

Facts don't care about your feelings.

Women do not exist for the pleasure of men's eyes and other body parts.

It is incredible – statues and paintings I saw.

I'm female and proud of the female body. Hope men and women will always be attracted to one another. Plenty of nude men during Roman culture.

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I thought it was very nice. It made me feel nostalgic in a sense of how beautiful used to think the female body regardless of its shape or curve.

Very interesting – the art was neat to look at on its own, and the added commentary made it all the more interesting. Very well done and thought provoking! 9/10 would visit again.

It made me angry to see how often women are represented as only for consumption by men.

I think for some men, women are eternal mysteries. It is easier to paint than to get to know them. The museum is extraordinary.

I thought it was amazing.

Vulnerability. How women were being used/seen as objects, but not as human. As people. But merely “things”.

It was interesting to me, how the beauty of the female form in art is portrayed by appreciating the natural curves of the body, while modern media dictates that a woman must be stick-thin to be beautiful. Art appreciates the softness and curvature of the body, while media sexualizes, and only appreciated one type of body.

Fantastic! Very useful intervention in the way art has traditionally been accepted uncritically.

Beautiful art work, every piece of work has its own creativity and use of mixed media.

I loved the sense of culture.

I feel like a villain – male.

I like that we're not celebrating that shot no more.