

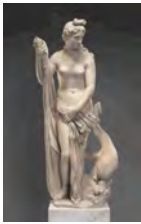
# Collector's Choice: J. Paul Getty and His Antiquities

November 18, 2009 to February 8, 2010  
The J. Paul Getty Museum at the Getty Villa

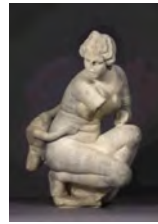
*Few human activities provide an individual with a greater sense of personal gratification than the assembling of a collection of art objects that . . . he feels have true and lasting beauty.*

-J. Paul Getty, *The Joys of Collecting*, 1965

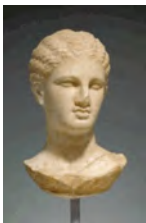
J. Paul Getty (American, 1892-1976) acquired his first work of art, a painting, in 1931. He was then thirty-eight years old and firmly established as a successful oilman, well on his way to becoming known as the world's richest man. While most thought that the golden age of collecting was over, Getty realized the opportunities of the Great Depression and began to fulfill his "long-dormant urge to collect things of beauty." His interest was threefold: decorative arts, old master paintings, and classical antiquities. In 1939 he embarked on a lifelong venture with his first purchase of antiquities, which resulted in one of the most important collections of Greek and Roman art in the United States. His personality and taste deeply marked its formation and gave it a distinct old-world profile. Periods of extensive acquisitions alternated with more meditative phases, during which Getty reflected and published on collecting. His last active stage as a collector culminated in the most striking expression of his passion for the classical world: the creation of a museum modeled on an ancient Roman villa.



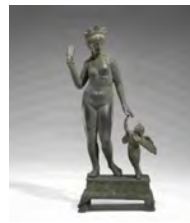
1. **Venus (The Mazarin Venus)**  
Roman, 2nd century A.D.  
Marble  
Object: H: 184 cm (H: 72 7/16 in.)  
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Villa Collection, Malibu, California  
54.AA.11



2. **Venus Crouching at Her Bath**  
Roman, A.D. 100 - 150  
Gray Marble  
Object: H: 115 cm (H: 45 1/4 in.)  
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Villa Collection, Malibu, California  
55.AA.10



3. **Head of a Young Woman**  
Greek (Attic), about 320 B.C.  
Marble  
Object: H: 34.3 x W: 15.6 x D: 22.2 cm (H: 13 1/2 x W: 6 1/8 x D: 8 3/4 in.)  
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Villa Collection, Malibu, California  
56.AA.19



4. **Statuette of Aphrodite Chastising Eros**  
Greek (Hellenistic), 2nd - 1st century B.C.  
Bronze  
Object (with base): H: 28.7 cm (H: 11 5/16 in.)  
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Villa Collection, Malibu, California  
57.AB.7



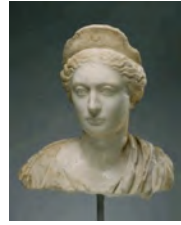
5. Statuette of Phrixos or Jason  
Roman, 1st century B.C.  
Bronze  
Object: H: 17.5 cm (H: 6 7/8 in.)  
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Villa Collection, Malibu, California  
58.AB.6



6. Mosaic Floor with Orpheus and Animals  
Gallo-Roman, A.D. 200 - 225  
Stone and glass  
Object: H: 385.9 x W: 457 cm (H: 151 15/16 x W: 179 15/16 in.)  
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Villa Collection, Malibu, California  
62.AH.2



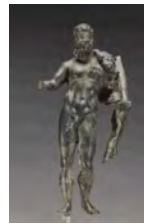
7. Gerald L. Brockhurst  
English, 1890 - 1978  
[Portrait of J. Paul Getty, 1938](#)  
Oil on canvas  
Unframed: 73.7 x 61 cm (29 x 24 in.)  
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles  
© Richard Woodward  
67.PA.2



8. [Bust of a Woman](#)  
Roman, about A.D. 130  
Marble  
Object: H: 43 x W: 42.1 x D (head): 24 cm (16 15/16 x 16 9/16 x D: 9 7/16 in.)  
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Villa Collection, Malibu, California  
70.AA.100



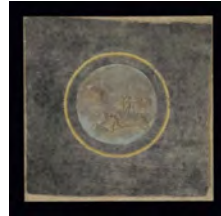
9. [Mummy Portrait of a Young Man](#)  
Romano-Egyptian, A.D. 100 - 125  
Encaustic on wood  
Object: H: 47.5 x W: 24.1 x D: 0.4 cm (H: 18 11/16 x W: 9 1/2 x D: 3/16 in.)  
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Villa Collection, Malibu, California  
71.AP.72



10. Statuette of Hercules  
Roman, 1st century A.D.  
Bronze  
Object: H: 12.7 cm (H: 5 in.)  
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Villa Collection, Malibu, California  
71.AB.170



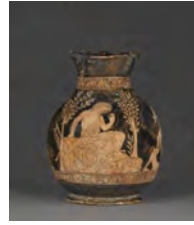
11. Wall Fragment with a Garland Shop  
Roman, third quarter of 1st century A.D.  
Fresco  
Object: H: 38 x W: 46 x D: 4.4 cm (14 15/16 x 18 1/8 x 1 3/4 in.)  
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Villa Collection, Malibu, California  
72.AG.82



12. Wall Fragment with Hercules Rescuing Hesione  
Roman, about A.D. 70  
Fresco  
Object: H: 37 x W: 37 cm (14 9/16 x 14 9/16 in.)  
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Villa Collection, Malibu, California  
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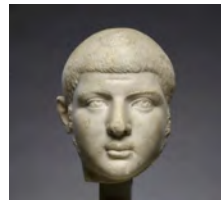
13. Bust of Menander  
Roman, A.D. 1 - 25  
Bronze  
Object: H: 17 x D (of base): 8 - 8.1 cm (6 11/16 x 3 1/8 - 3 3/16 in.)  
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Villa Collection, Malibu, California  
72.AB.108



14. Wine Jug with Kallisto Turning into a Bear  
Greek (Apulian), about 360 B.C.  
Attributed to near the Black Fury Group  
Greek (Apulian), active Early 300s B.C.  
Terracotta  
Object: H: 16.8 x Diam. [rim]: 8.4 cm (6 5/8 x 3 5/16 in.)  
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Villa Collection, Malibu, California  
72.AE.128



15. Relief with a Seated Man (The Lansdowne Homer)  
East Greek, about 75 B.C.  
Marble  
Object: H: 143.5 x W: 100 x D: 26.8 cm (56 1/2 x 39 3/8 x 10 9/16 in.)  
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Villa Collection, Malibu, California  
72.AA.160



16. Head of a Young Man  
Roman, about A.D. 220  
Marble  
Object: H: 24.5 x W: 19 x D: 14.5 cm (9 5/8 x 7 1/2 x 5 11/16 in.)  
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Villa Collection, Malibu, California  
76.AA.14



17. Fragment of a Letter  
Roman, second half of 2nd century A.D.  
Papyrus  
Object: H: 11 x W: 8.5 cm (4 5/16 x 3 3/8 in.)  
Gift of Lenore Barozzi. The J. Paul Getty Museum, Villa Collection, Malibu, California  
76.AI.57



18. Statuette of a Woman Reclining on a Couch with Eros ("Tanagra Group")  
1875 - 1890  
Terracotta, pigment, and gold  
Object: H: 18.5 x L: 27 cm (7 5/16 x 10 5/8 in.)  
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Villa Collection, Malibu, California  
78.AK.38



19. Relief Fragment with a Horse and Rider (The Cottenham Relief)  
Greek (Attic), about 500 B.C.  
Blue-gray marble  
Object: H: 27.6 x W: 30.5 cm (10 7/8 x 12 in.)  
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Villa Collection, Malibu, California  
78.AA.59

20. Sotheby's (London)  
French Drawing Room - continued, 1939  
from *Cam House: important contents of Cam House*  
Research Library, The Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles, California  
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21. Bartolomeo Cavaceppi  
Italian, 1716/1717 - 1799  
Venere, 1769  
Engraving  
Plate: 30.3 x 19.8 cm (11 15/16 x 7 13/16 in.)  
Research Library, The Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles, California  
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22. J. Paul Getty  
American, 1892 - 1976  
Letter from J. Paul Getty to Paul Wescher, 1955  
Ink and paper  
Sheet: 18.4 x 13.3 cm (7 1/4 x 5 1/4 in.)  
Research Library, The Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles, California  
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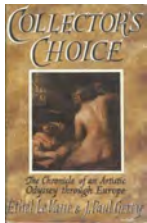


23. J. Paul Getty  
American, 1892 - 1976  
Letter from J. Paul Getty to Dr. Birkmeyer, 1958  
Ink and paper  
Sheet: 26.7 x 21 cm (10 1/2 x 8 1/4 in.)  
Research Library, The Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles, California  
1986.IA.55.2

24. Unknown  
Black and white photograph of the Orpheus Mosaic at the Ranch House, 1958  
Gelatin silver  
Image: 16 x 22 cm (6 5/16 x 8 11/16 in.)  
T.2009.77

25. Hermine Speier  
German, 1898 - 1989  
Letter from Hermine Speier to J. Paul Getty, August 25, 1939  
Ink and paper  
Unframed: 19.5 x 30 cm (7 11/16 x 11 13/16 in.)  
T.2009.78

26. J. Paul Getty  
American, 1892 - 1976  
*The Joys of Collecting*, 1965  
Ink and paper  
Closed: 23.8 x 22 x 2 cm (9 3/8 x 8 11/16 x 13/16 in.)  
T.2009.79



27. J. Paul Getty  
American, 1892 - 1976  
and Ethel Le Vane  
*Collector's Choice: The Chronicle of an Artistic Odyssey through Europe*, 1955  
Ink and paper  
Closed: 22.2 x 15 x 3.8 cm (8 3/4 x 5 7/8 x 1 1/2 in.)  
T.2009.136



[Statuette of Aphrodite](#)

Greek, 250 - 200 B.C.

Terracotta with polychromy

Object: H: 27.1 cm (H: 10 11/16 in.)

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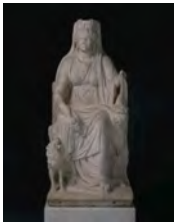
[Statue of a Crouching Lion](#)

Greek (Attic), about 380 B.C.

Marble

Object: H: 37.5 x W: 22.2 x L: 89.9 cm (H: 14 3/4 x W: 8 3/4 x L: 35 3/8 in.)

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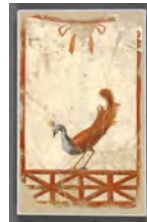
[Portrait of a Woman as Cybele](#)

Roman, about A.D. 50

Marble

Object: H: 161.9 x W: 70 x D: 64.5 cm (H: 63 3/4 x W: 27 9/16 x D: 25 3/8 in.)

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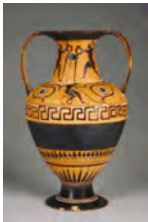
[Wall Fragment with a Peacock](#)

Roman, about A.D. 70

Fresco

Object (mounted within a backing and frame): H: 40 x W: 24.8 x D: 3.2 cm (H: 15 3/4 x W: 9 3/4 x D: 1 1/4 in.)

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[Storage Jar with Boxers](#)

Greek (Attic), about 520 B.C.

Attributed to Painter N

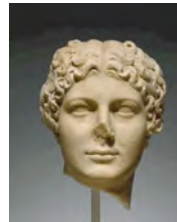
Terracotta

Object: H: 31 x Diam.(body): 18.5 cm (H: 12 3/16 x Diam.(body): 7 5/16 in.)

Object (rim): Diam.: 12.7 cm (Diam.: 5 in.)

Object (foot): Diam.: 11.3 cm (Diam.: 4 7/16 in.)

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[Head of Agrippina the Younger](#)

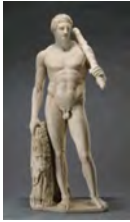
Roman, about A.D. 50

Marble

Object: H: 32 x W: 27 x D: 28 cm (H: 12 5/8 x W: 10 5/8 x D: 11 in.)

Gift of J. Paul Getty

70.AA.101



[The Lansdowne Herakles](#)

Roman, about A.D. 125

Marble

Object: H: 193.5 cm; Weight: 385.6 Kg. (76 3/16 in.; 850 lbs.)

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[Faustina the Elder](#)

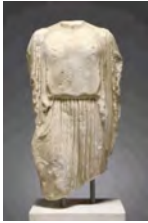
Roman, A.D. 140 - 160

Marble

Object: H: 209 cm (H: 82 5/16 in.)

Gift of J. Paul Getty

70.AA.113



[Young Woman \(The Elgin Kore\)](#)

Greek, about 475 B.C.

Gray marble

Object: H: 71 x W: 28 x D: 19 cm (H: 27 15/16 x W: 11 x D: 7 1/2 in.)

Gift of J. Paul Getty

70.AA.114



[Mosaic Floor with a Boxing Scene](#)

Gallo-Roman, about A.D. 175

Stone and glass tesserae

Object (central panel): H: 208 x W: 208 cm, Weight:

498.9522 kg (H: 81 7/8 x W: 81 7/8 in., Weight: 1099.99 lb.)

71.AH.106



[The Marbury Hall Zeus](#)

Roman, 1st century A.D.

Marble

Object: H: 207 cm (81 1/2 in.)

73.AA.32



[Ceremonial Chair \(The Elgin Throne\)](#)

Greek, 4th century B.C.

Marble

Object: H: 81.5 x W (across front): 70 cm (32 1/16 x 27 9/16 in.)

74.AA.12



[Wine Cup with Cupids Holding Garlands](#)

Roman, 50 - 25 B.C.

Silver

Object: H: 13 x W: 19.4 x Diam.: 11.6 cm (5 1/8 x 7 5/8 x 4 9/16 in.)

75.AM.55



[Poet as Orpheus with Two Sirens](#)

South Italian (Tarantine), 350 - 300 B.C.

Terracotta with Polychromy

Various, see extensions

76.AD.11



**Gravestone of Myttion**

Greek (Attic), about 400 B.C.

Marble with polychromy

Object: H: 71.1 x W: 24.1 x D: 8.9 cm (28 x 9 1/2 x 3 1/2 in.)

78.AA.57



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*Additional information about some of these works of art can be found by searching [getty.edu](http://www.getty.edu/art/gettyguide/) at <http://www.getty.edu/art/gettyguide/>*

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