



Rembrandt in Print

The Lady Lever Art Gallery is host to a new exhibition featuring 50 of the finest etchings and drypoints by the world-famous artist Rembrandt van Rijn (1606–1669), on loan from the celebrated collection of the Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford.

This exclusive selection of ‘the-best-of-the-best’ Rembrandt prints have never been displayed together and have been hand-picked to show the full scope of Rembrandt’s ability as a printer, in the year which also marks 350 years since the artist’s death, and Wirral’s year as Borough of Culture.

Rembrandt Harmensz van Rijn is shown as an unrivalled storyteller through this selection of print works, dating from 1630 to the late 1650s. Widely hailed as the greatest painter of the Dutch Golden Age, he was also one of the most innovative and experimental printmakers of the 17th century.

Exhibition highlights include Rembrandt’s earliest known self-portrait dating from 1630, Rembrandt’s only still-life print, *The Shell* (1650) and iconic works such as *The Three Trees* (1643) and *The Windmill* (1641) and three other intense self-portraits with their penetrating gaze.

An Van Camp, Curator, Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford, said: “This collection of 50 works is the best-of-the best of the Ashmolean’s outstanding Rembrandt prints collection. He created extraordinary prints by using existing techniques in his own artistic and innovative way. His prints range from squiggly, drawing-like sketches to more pictorial, heavily-hatched compositions. While apparently



quite diverse at first sight, all Rembrandt’s printed works are characterised by his talent for storytelling and his keen observational skills. His subjects are steeped in drama, adding atmosphere to views of the Dutch countryside or imbuing Biblical scenes with lively characters.”

Rembrandt in Print is organised by the Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford, which holds a world-class collection of over 200 Rembrandt prints www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/rembrandt

Open daily 10am to 5pm
Lady Lever Art Gallery, Port Sunlight Village CH62 5EQ.