

VILHELM HAMMERSHØI PAINTING TRANQUILITY



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MASTERWORKS FROM THE COLLECTION OF SMK
THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF DENMARK

PAINTING TRANQUILITY: MASTERWORKS BY VILHELM HAMMERSHØI FROM SMK – THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF DENMARK

ADVANCE FACT SHEET

*Vilhelm Hammershøi's 19th- and 20th-century masterpieces on view at
Scandinavia House: The Nordic Center in America, NYC*

WHAT

Painting Tranquility: Masterworks by Vilhelm Hammershøi from SMK – The National Gallery of Denmark presents 24 masterpieces by celebrated Danish painter Vilhelm Hammershøi (1864-1916). Drawn entirely from the extensive collection of SMK – The National Gallery of Denmark, Copenhagen, the exhibition features a selection of paintings from across Hammershøi's body of work, including several of the quiet home interiors for which he earned the title "de stille stuers maler" (the painter of tranquil rooms). *Painting Tranquility* will be the first exhibition in New York exclusively dedicated to Hammershøi's work in over 15 years.



Hammershøi's exquisite artworks have long captivated scholars and critics and his international popularity has grown rapidly in recent years. Curated by Kasper Monrad, *Painting Tranquility* features paintings representative of Hammershøi's four main genres—reduced landscapes, unpopulated urban cityscapes, portraits, and spare, sunlight-infused interiors—offering an intimate look into his life and enigmatic artwork.

WHEN

Saturday, October 17, 2015 through Saturday, February 27, 2016
Press Preview: Thursday, October 15, 9 - 11 AM

WHERE

Scandinavia House: The Nordic Center in America
58 Park Avenue
New York City

CURATORIAL CREDIT

Kasper Monrad is Chief Curator at SMK – The National Gallery of Denmark in Copenhagen. He is a specialist in Danish and international 19th-century painting and has curated and co-curated a number of exhibitions of the art of this period in Denmark and abroad, including *The Golden Age of Danish Painting*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art & Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, 1993-94; *Christoffer Wilhelm Eckersberg*, National Gallery of Art, Washington 2003; and *Hammershøi and Europe*, SMK - The National Gallery of Denmark, 2012.

PUBLICATION

Painting Tranquility: Masterworks from SMK – The National Gallery of Denmark is accompanied by a 48-page illustrated catalogue, featuring an essay by curator Kasper Monrad.

SUPPORT

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HOUSE**

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**STATENS
MUSEUM
FOR KUNST**

Situated in the heart of Copenhagen, SMK – The National Gallery of Denmark is the country's largest art museum, and displays international artwork from the early Renaissance through to the present. The extensive SMK collections originate from the holdings of the 17th- and 18th-century Danish kings, particularly those of King Frederik V who, in the 1760s, established a large collection of Old Masters which he housed at Christiansborg Castle. Since the opening of the Royal Picture Gallery to the public in 1827, SMK has had an obligation to collect contemporary Danish art, and, thus, several Hammershøi paintings were acquired directly from the artist. Christiansborg Castle burned in 1884, but nearly all of the paintings were miraculously saved. The surviving collections became the founding collection of SMK. SMK now presents between six to eight special exhibitions a year, always based on new research. For more information: smk.dk | Facebook | Twitter @smkmuseum

**HOURS &
ADMISSION**

The Scandinavia House Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 12 – 6 pm (Wednesday until 7 pm). Suggested admission: \$5 | Free for ASF Members.

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