



THE KREEGER MUSEUM

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Washington, DC – The David Lloyd Kreeger Foundation announced today that the Board of Trustees has approved plans to deaccession a work by Pablo Picasso, *Head of a Sleeping Woman*, 1934. Purchased by David and Carmen Kreeger in 1962, this painting has been part of the Permanent Collection of The Kreeger Museum since the Museum opened in 1994.

The David Lloyd Kreeger Foundation, a private non-profit operating foundation, oversees The Kreeger Museum and its holdings. The Foundation has entered into an agreement with Sotheby's to offer the work at the Evening Sale of Impressionist & Modern Art on June 29.

The proceeds from the sale of this work will be used for the direct care of the Collection and the acquisition of works to diversify the holdings of The Kreeger Museum. Throughout this process, the Foundation has followed the guidelines established by the American Alliance of Museums and the Association of Art Museum Directors. In an announcement last month, the American Association of Museum Directors put forth a new resolution relaxing the guidelines for deaccessioning works of art in response to the unprecedented disruption and financial uncertainty brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This was a very difficult, but essential, decision for the Board of Trustees," says Peter L. Kreeger, President of the David Lloyd Kreeger Foundation and Chair of the Museum's Board of Trustees. "Faced with the loss of income to the Museum during the pandemic, we have determined that it is necessary to deaccession one of our beloved Picassos in order to maintain good stewardship of our collection. Proceeds from this sale will also be used to diversify and strengthen our collection."

About The Kreeger Museum

The Kreeger Museum is an art museum located in the former residence of Carmen and David Kreeger. Designed by architect Philip Johnson, the Museum houses the Kreegers' permanent collection of 19th and 20th-century painting and sculpture and outstanding examples of traditional African and Asian art. The Kreeger Museum is located at 2401 Foxhall Road NW in Washington, DC.

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