

Press Release

SJM Presents the World Premiere of “Picasso: Beauty and Drama”

Over 140 Original Works Debut in Macau, Advancing Global Cultural Exchange

(Macau, 23 July 2025) “Picasso: Beauty and Drama,” the world premiere exhibition presented by SJM Resorts, S.A. (“SJM”) as one of the highlights of “Art Macao: Macao International Art Biennale 2025”, is now officially opened at Grand Lisboa Palace Resort Macau.

Jointly organised by SJM and Museo Casa Natal Picasso, with the support of the Agencia Pública para la Gestión de la Casa Natal de Pablo Ruiz Picasso y otros Equipamentos Museísticos y Culturales and Ayuntamiento de Málaga, the exhibition will run from now to 26 October 2025, showcasing more than 140 original works by Pablo Picasso, spanning paintings, prints, ceramics, manuscripts and illustrations. Through this extraordinary collection, the exhibition explores Picasso’s evolving interpretations of beauty and the emotional drama of his personal life, offering an intimate glimpse into one of the greatest artistic minds of the 20th century. The exhibition also exemplifies SJM’s ongoing commitment to enriching Macau’s tourism offerings through cultural showcases and advancing the integration of “Art + Tourism” in the city’s development.

Ms. Leong Wai Man, Director of the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Macao SAR Government said: “‘Art Macao,’ an international arts festival jointly created by the SAR Government and various sectors, serves as both a platform for cultural exchange and a catalyst for the city’s innovative development,” she continued. “Its success reflects the unwavering support of all stakeholders. SJM’s longstanding commitment to arts and culture has significantly enriched Macao’s urban landscape with an international vision and creative curation, elevating the city’s global artistic reputation.”

“SJM is proud to continue its support of ‘Art Macao’ and to work alongside the Macao SAR Government in advancing the high-quality development of the city’s cultural sector,” said Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM. “To truly realise the vision of ‘shaping tourism with cultural activities and promoting culture through tourism’, we must continue to build rich and multidimensional experiences that give equal weight to cultural preservation and international exchange. This exhibition exemplifies meaningful cross-cultural collaboration and resonates with our longstanding efforts to promote Chinese cultural heritage. It also underscores Macau’s unique East-meets-West character and reflects SJM’s active role in driving the city’s cultural development.”

Echoing the theme of Art Macao 2025 “Hey, what brings you here?”, “Picasso: Beauty and Drama” charts the artist’s creative evolution through various stages of his career and across multiple mediums, while offering rare insight into his emotional landscape and profound connection to his native Andalusia. Highlighted works include “Figure in Striped Bodice”, painted for his partner; “Paloma with Doll, Black Background”, a tender portrait of his five-year-old daughter; the ceramic masterpiece “Knight and Horse”; and “Painter with Brush and Model with Headscarf”, a reimagining of the artist’s studio.



The exhibition is organised into seven thematic galleries:

1. Beauty – Challenges and redefines classical ideals of beauty. Picasso once said, “Art is the most beautiful of all lies.”
2. Myths – Reinterprets ancient narratives through a modern lens, embracing Picasso’s belief that “good artists copy; great artists steal.”
3. Bulls – Explores the symbolic role of bullfighting in Spanish identity and the artist’s emotional response to his homeland.
4. Women – Pays homage to the influential women in Picasso’s life, whose presence shaped his creative and emotional journeys.
5. Ceramics – Highlights his later-life exploration in ceramics, turning everyday vessels into works of art guided by the philosophy: “Learn the rules like a pro, so you can break them like an artist.”
6. Techniques – Showcases his relentless experimentation across etching, printmaking and mixed media, echoing his reflection: “I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it.”
7. Top Ten – Features ten quintessential works that encapsulate Picasso’s artistic genius, familial devotion, love for tradition and irreverent wit.

The exhibition culminates in an interactive zone, inviting visitors to return to the theme of Art Macao 2025 “Hey, what brings you here?” Shifting from passive observers to active creators, engaging with Picasso’s spirit through themed installations:

- Mirror Room: Distorted reflections awaken self-awareness and creative expression through self-portraits or collaborative drawings.
- Where Are You Going?: A symbolic journey through four life paths, encouraging visitors to follow their passions — as Picasso did throughout his career.

Exhibition Details:

Dates: 20 July to 26 October 2025

Venue: Shop 220, Level 2, Grand Lisboa Palace Resort Macau (South Entrance)

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Official Website: <https://www.ticketing.sjmresorts.com/picasso-beauty-n-drama>

Opening Hours:

- Monday to Thursday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Friday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- * Last admission: One hour before closing

Guided Tours: Available in English, Cantonese and Mandarin

Admission:

Standard Admission

- Adults: MOP298

Concession Tickets

- Students, children (ages 4–12), and seniors (65+): MOP238
- Macau residents: MOP198
- Hotel guests and SJM Supreme Card members: MOP238

Family Packages

- 1 adult + 1 child: MOP402
- 2 adults + 1 child: MOP625
- 2 adults + 2 children: MOP804

Group Tickets

- 25% discount for groups of 10 or more

* Concession tickets are available exclusively at the on-site box office and are not valid for online purchases.

Creative Workshops and Unique Souvenirs:

Grand Lisboa Palace's "GLP Arte" will host a series of family-friendly workshops that combine creativity and play, inviting participants to make clay fridge magnets, collage table lamps, mirrors and more. A "Living Classroom" inside the exhibition also offers guided sessions on self-reflection and open dialogue with other visitors to develop a deeper, more personal connection with art. A collection of exclusive souvenirs including tote bags, books, mugs, travel pouches and umbrellas is also available, allowing guests to bring a touch of Macau's artistic spirit into their everyday lives.

Workshop Series (1): Thematic Art Sessions

Location: GLP Arte, Shop 204, Level 2, Grand Lisboa Palace Resort Macau

Age Group: Participants aged 13 or above / Children aged 4–12 must be accompanied by an adult

Fee: Starting from MOP150 per participant (inclusive of all materials)

Registration: Call (853) 8881 0720 or visit the GLP Arte in person for payment and booking. Limited spaces available. First come, first served.

Date	Time	Workshop
19 July (Sat) & 21 September (Sun)	3 p.m.	Light Clay Fridge Magnet Workshop
26 July (Sat) & 23 August (Sat)		Fun Collage Table Lamp Workshop
9 August (Sat)		Creative Pen Holder Workshop
13 September (Sat)		Abstract Mirror Workshop

Workshop Series (2): "Picasso: Beauty and Drama" Learning Studio

Location: Shop 220, Level 2, Grand Lisboa Palace Resort Macau

Dates: Daily throughout the exhibition period

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Age Group: Participants aged 13 or above; Children aged 4–12 must be accompanied by an adult

Fee: Complimentary with valid same-day exhibition ticket

Registration: On-site sign-up required

Culinary Delights and Luxurious Stays:

To further enhance the experience, guest may experience the limited-time menus inspired by Picasso's signature colours and styles at the restaurants across Grand Lisboa Palace, savoring exquisite cuisine in an artistic atmosphere. SJM is also offering a selection of curated hotel packages that pair luxury stays with exclusive access to the exhibition. Guests may choose to stay at Grand Lisboa Palace Macau, THE KARL LAGERFELD MACAU, or Palazzo Versace Macau. Each package includes two exhibition tickets and daily breakfast for two, with optional upgrades such as Hong Kong–Macau coach transfers, TurboJET ferry tickets, or shared limousine service. Packages start from MOP1,688++ per night.

Picasso: Beauty and Drama Hotel Packages

Booking Period: Now until 23 October 2025

Stay Period: Now until 26 October 2025

All packages include:

- One-night luxury accommodation at Grand Lisboa Palace / THE KARL LAGERFELD MACAU / Palazzo Versace Macau
- Daily breakfast for two at The Grand Buffet, The Book Lounge, or La Scala del Palazzo
- Two tickets to “Picasso: Beauty and Drama”

Bed and Breakfast Package

From MOP1,688++ per night

Bus Ticket Package

Includes one-way Hong Kong–Macau bus tickets for two

From MOP1,738++ per night

Shared Limousine Package

Includes one-way transfer for two from Hong Kong to Macau

From MOP1,838++ per night

Ferry Ticket Package

Includes round-trip TurboJET tickets per stay for two

From MOP2,368++ per night

Enquiries & Reservations:

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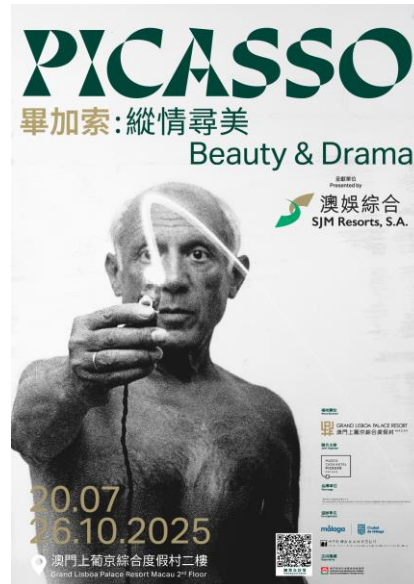
From left to right: Mr. Mario Virgilio Montañez, Jefe del Negociado de Promocion Cultural en Museo Casa Natal Picasso; Mr. Cyro Garcia, artist from Malaga, Spain; Ms. Leong Wai Man, Director of the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Macao SAR Government; Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM; Mr. Luis Lafuente, Director of the Agencia Pública para la Gestión de la Casa Natal de Pablo Ruiz Picasso y otros Equipamientos Museísticos y Culturales, taking a group photo together.



From left to right: Ms. Sheila Canestro and Mr. Cyro Garcia, artists from Malaga in Spain; Mr. Luis Lafuente, Director of the Agencia Pública para la Gestión de la Casa Natal de Pablo Ruiz Picasso y otros Equipamientos Museísticos y Culturales; Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM; Mr. Mario Virgilio Montañez, Jefe del Negociado de Promocion Cultural en Museo Casa Natal Picasso and Mr. Salvador Nadales Zayas, Advisor, Culture and Heritage, Málaga City Council attended the opening ceremony of Art Macao 2025.



SJM to present the global premiere of “Picasso: Beauty and Drama” at Grand Lisboa Palace from 20 July to 26 October 2025.



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Figure with Striped Bodice: A lithographic masterpiece created for Picasso’s lover Françoise Gilot, employing innovative overlay techniques that redefined printmaking standards.



Pablo Picasso, Figure with the Striped Bodice, 1949. © Succession Picasso 2025. © Museo Casa Natal Picasso



Paloma with her Doll, Black Background: A poignant portrayal of Picasso's five-year-old daughter, where abstract lines convey profound tenderness against a stark background.



Pablo Picasso, Paloma with her Doll, Black Background, 1952. © Succession Picasso 2025.
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Cavalier and Horse: A ceramic breakthrough—this spiraled white earthenware vase challenges perspective, embodying Picasso's philosophy: "Learn the rules like a pro, so you can break them like an artist."



Pablo Picasso, Cavalier and Horse, 1952. © Succession Picasso 2025. © Museo Casa Natal Picasso



Painter Picking up his Brush, and Model with Turban: Inspired by French author Balzac, this copperplate etching reimagine the artist's studio, with blank canvases symbolising boundless creative potential.



Pablo Picasso, Painter Picking up his Brush, and Model with Turban, 1927-28. © Succession Picasso 2025. © Museo Casa Natal Picasso