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***Naked: The University Collection Unveiled* opens at Penn's Arthur Ross Gallery**

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Naked: The University Collection Unveiled opens on Saturday, August 28 at the Arthur Ross Gallery. Featuring 42 paintings, sculptures, prints, drawings and photographs of the nude from the 1st century BCE to the present, this exhibition is selected from the University of Pennsylvania's outstanding art collection.

What does it mean for a body to be beautiful? Society's current obsession with the body and its politics is relentlessly detailed online and in media updates of luminaries—from Lance Armstrong to Oprah, Brad Pitt to Lady Gaga.

Historically, it was the role of visual artists to document these cultural norms. *Naked: The University Collection Unveiled* showcases this evolution through works by Albrecht Dürer, Marisol Escobar, an unidentified Greek sculptor, Henry Moore, Eadweard Muybridge, Helmut Newton, Auguste Rodin, Niki de Sainte Phalle, and Edward Steichen among others.

Free lectures and self-guided tours on the subject of the nude will be offered during September and October. Please consult the Gallery's website for details. ***Naked: The University Collection Unveiled*** will continue at the Arthur Ross Gallery, 220 S. 34th Street, Philadelphia, through October 31, 2010.

The exhibition is organized in collaboration with the Office of the Curator, University of Pennsylvania.

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The Gallery is located at 220 South 34th Street, Philadelphia, and is free and open to the public. HOURS: Weekdays 10:00am – 5:00pm; Weekends 12:00pm – 5:00pm. Closed Mondays. Visit us on Facebook and Twitter. To reserve a group tour please contact us at arg@pobox.upenn.edu or 215.898.3617. Additional information is available at ArthurRossGallery.com or 215.898.2083.