



# The Metropolitan Museum

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, located in New York City, is the largest art museum in the United States and one of the ten largest in the world. Its permanent collection contains more than two million works, divided among seventeen departments. Represented in the permanent collection are works of art from classical antiquity and Ancient Egypt, paintings and sculptures from nearly all the European masters, and an extensive collection of American and modern art. The museum is also home to encyclopedic collections of musical instruments, costumes and accessories, and antique weapons and armor from around the world. The Metropolitan Museum of Art was founded in 1870. The founders included businessmen and financiers, as well as leading artists and thinkers of the day, who wanted to open a museum to bring art and art education to the American people. Admission is pay what you wish with a recommendation of \$25.



# The most impressive pictures



## Portrait of Madame

X By John Singer Sargent

Sargent shows a woman posing in a black satin dress with jeweled straps, a dress that reveals and hides at the same time. The portrait is characterized by the pale flesh tone of the subject contrasted against a dark colored dress and background. This picture evokes mysterious, romantic and lyrical feeling.

# The Boulevard Montmartre on a Winter Morning

## By Camille Pissarro

Pissarro uses hues of orange and blue to complement one another and contrast the frosted winter environment, ultimately creating an aesthetically pleasing palette. Pissarro's depiction of the boulevard, continuing to the horizon, not only adds depth and space, but it reinforces perspective.



# Edgar Degas - The Dance Class

The painting includes several young ballerinas in a room. Some are sitting, some are standing, while one dancer in the center of the painting performs for the male teacher. In the background, several of the students' mothers are looking on. A large mirror on the wall reflects some other dancers. In the left foreground, there is a wooden music stand with sheet music.

