

## Fake Picassos Are Currently Being Shown at a Springfield Museum's Exhibition on Forgery



We saw a whole lot of fakes crop up in the [art](#) world this past summer. While a [museum in China was forced to shut down](#) back in July, an unconventional exhibition highlighting some of the most infamous cases of art forgery just opened at the [Michele & Donald D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts](#) last Tuesday.

From now until April 27, the museum in Springfield, Mass. will be showcasing "[Intent to Deceive: Fakes and Forgeries in the Art World](#)," which gives platform to notorious scam artists like Elmyr de Hory and counterfeiter Mark Landis. In this exhibition, you'll find over 60 pieces of fake art, including phony **Picassos** and **Matisses** placed alongside the authentic pieces.

"Once upon a time, forgeries were the dirty little secrets of the art world," the exhibition's curator Colette Loll [told the Boston Globe](#). "But they are important cultural artifacts. Forgeries have existed

throughout the existence of art. It's one of the oldest professions in the world. As long as there's a thriving art market, there's a thriving forgery market."

While it may be the first time you ever pay for an exhibition of fake art, "Intent to Deceive" makes for a fascinating look into the techniques and craftsmanship used in creating counterfeit art—just don't try it after you get home, or you may end up like [Glafira Rosales](#).

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