

Guerilla Girls

Free the Women Artists of Europe!
2011

We created a new project for the Venice Biennale a few years ago. In the process of our research, we discovered that every museum in Venice, except one, owned art by women. Almost all of it was kept in the basements, in storage, and was not hanging in the galleries. When we looked at other museums in Europe and the US, we found the same situation. Most museums have only a paltry number of women artists and artists of color on exhibit – even contemporary museums.

The more we thought about it, we couldn't resist creating this image of great women artists from history locked in a dungeon, out of sight. So here are Elizabeth Vigée-Le Brun, Berthe Morisot, Yayoi Kusama, Sonia Delaunay, Edmonia Lewis, Ana Mendieta, Pan Yuliang, Alice Neel and others peering out from behind the prison of art history.

Print as many posters as you like, and paste them on or near the museum of your choice. You can also download a small version at: guerrillagirls.com/posters/freethewomenofeurope.shtml, and mail or email thousands of copies to museum directors, curators, and the donors who fund them. Tell them it's not OK. Tell them they can't write the history of their culture without including all the voices of their culture. Tell them to FREE THE WOMEN ARTISTS OF EUROPE!

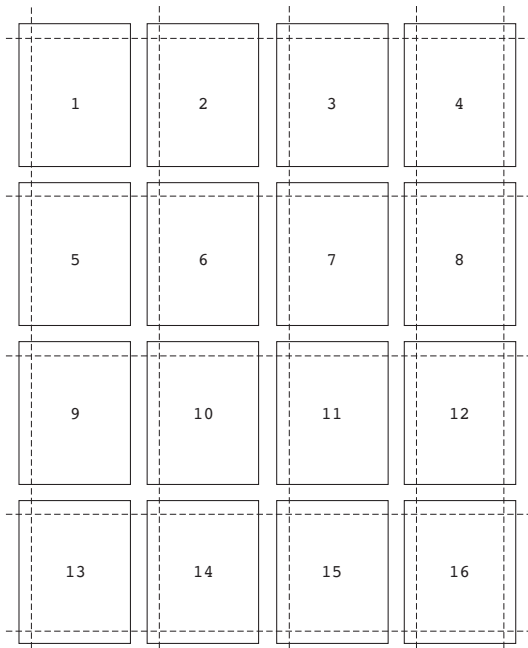
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Print all 17 sheets on A4 paper, trim to remove white edges. To get the best result, cut along the line marks as shown below. Arrange 16 sheets to make one A0 poster, putting the sheets together with no space between.

Take a picture of the installed work and send it to: office@curating.org
The photos of the installations will be collected and published.



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