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In our time there are many artists who do something because it is new; they see their value and their justification in this newness. They are deceiving themselves; novelty is seldom the essential. This has to do with one thing only: making a subject better from its intrinsic nature.

Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec (1864–1901)

Time Warner is honored to support the National Gallery of Art exhibition *Toulouse-Lautrec and Montmartre*, which celebrates the haunting, unforgettable images of fin-de-siècle Paris by one of the world's most popular artists.

Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec famously chronicled life in Paris's legendary bohemian district at the end of the nineteenth century—capturing in his uniquely vivid style the men and women who made Montmartre's cabarets, dance halls, cafés-concerts and circuses come alive night after night.

Toulouse-Lautrec and Montmartre presents more than 100 paintings and 160 pastels, watercolors, prints, posters, books, and sculptures that Lautrec and his contemporaries—including Edgar Degas, Vincent van Gogh and Pablo Picasso—created in and around Montmartre.

Lautrec sneered at "newness" for its own sake, insisting that artists must pursue the "essential"—the intrinsic nature—of their subjects. He and his friends used their creativity to extend the reach of art and embrace the totality of human experience. The power of their achievement endures. Their work is as stirring, evocative and fresh as on the day it was completed.

At Time Warner, we certainly understand that "newness" alone is no guarantee of success, and we highly value the creativity that our employees bring to our products and services every day. With our own commitment to serve as many consumers as possible worldwide, we especially admire Lautrec's continuing ability to touch people across all generations and all borders.

Toulouse-Lautrec and Montmartre is an opportunity for us to work with the National Gallery of Art to give back to the communities where our customers live and work—a long-standing Time Warner tradition that we are committed to expand as well as to continue.

On behalf of Time Warner and our employees around the world, we hope your enjoyment of this unique exhibition will match our pride in making it possible.

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