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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **SEE THE BEAUTY OF NSW THROUGH AN ARTIST'S LENS: NSW GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS *STREETON***

Visitors to the Art Gallery of New South Wales in Sydney will have the opportunity to see the beauty of NSW through the lens of iconic Australian Impressionist, Arthur Streeton, whose work captivated the nation from the 1880s to the 1940s.

The NSW Government, through its tourism and major events agency Destination NSW, is supporting the landmark summer exhibition, with tickets going on sale tomorrow.

Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said *Streeton* will offer visitors and locals the chance to appreciate the work of one of Australia's most iconic artists.

"*Streeton* is a must-see for lovers of Australian spirit, land and history. It is a unique opportunity to see the beauty of NSW through the artist's lens as some of Arthur Streeton's greatest works were painted in Sydney, the Blue Mountains and the Hawkesbury," Mr Ayres said.

"This exhibition is a reminder of the extraordinary sites and natural landscapes we have in our own backyard, and the perfect reason to visit one of Sydney's most esteemed cultural institutions, while ultimately helping to rebuild our visitor economy."

Minister for the Arts, Don Harwin said *Streeton* will be an unmissable event on the state's cultural calendar.

"*Streeton* will feature more than 150 paintings, drawings and watercolours from 42 public and private collections, with some not exhibited for more than 100 years," Mr Harwin said.

"While it's been a challenging year, particularly for those in the tourism and arts sectors, the Art Gallery of NSW should be congratulated for their efforts in showcasing and celebrating one of our country's most renowned artists."

Art Gallery of NSW Director, Dr Michael Brand, said: "Arthur Streeton is undeniably our greatest Impressionist landscape painter and one who worked from a decidedly international perspective. This exhibition reveals the seminal role he played in defining a unique vision of Australia, while exploring the evolution of his art over six decades."

*Streeton* will open at the Art Gallery of NSW on Saturday 7 November 2020. Tickets will be available to purchase from tomorrow at [www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au](http://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au)

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