Fact Sheet

“Time Covers the 1960s”

New Exhibition Features Cover Art from the Museum’s Collection

Exhibition
“Time Covers the 1960s”
Sept. 26 through Aug. 9, 2015

Where
Smithsonian’s National Portrait Gallery
Eighth and F streets N.W.

Summary
“Time Covers the 1960s,” featuring original cover art from the museum’s Time collection, will explore a selection of the major newsmakers, trends and happenings that defined the 1960s, known as the “Age of Aquarius.”

Week in and week out, Time magazine reported the significant events of the 1960s using all manner of cover images created by some of the foremost artists of the day. This selection of Time cover art includes 30 paintings, drawings, prints, mixed-media collages and sculptures from artists such as Boris Chaliapin, Louis Glanzman, Henry Koerner, Roy Lichtenstein, Charles Schulz and Robert Vickrey.

The decade began with the Kennedy inauguration and a presidency nicknamed “Camelot” and ended with “one giant leap for mankind,” as Apollo 11 conveyed people to the surface of the moon and back. In the intervening years, Time covered the Cold War, Cuban Missile Crisis, escalation of the Vietnam War, civil rights, the women’s movement and cultural phenomena such as the Beatles, hippies and the sexual revolution.

National Portrait Gallery historian James Barber is the curator of this exhibition.

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