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Mirka Mora celebrated in a very personal exhibition at Heide 27 October 2018 – 24 March 2019



5 September 2018: Heide Museum of Modern Art celebrates Mirka Mora's remarkable life and career with a major exhibition of her drawings and soft sculpture dolls, and a publication that delves into Mirka and Georges Mora's extraordinary lives and impact on Melbourne's artistic and culinary landscapes.

The works in *Mirka Mora: Pas de Deux—Drawings and Dolls* come from the artist's home and studio, and many will be on display for the first time. For Mirka these two art forms went hand-in-hand: 'My dolls are my drawings in three-dimensions', she said.

The myriad works in the exhibition offer a glimpse into Mirka's enchanting private universe, where hybrid characters derived from fairy tales, folk art, surrealism and the artist's vivid daydreams intermingle. Together they create a compelling portrait of Mirka's innermost self.

A beloved and central figure in the story of Heide, Mirka Mora long captured the public imagination with her distinctive art and inimitable personality. The acclaimed artist died on Monday 27 August 2018 at the age of 90.

Lesley Harding, Artistic Director at Heide Museum of Modern Art said:

'We are so pleased to honour Mirka's life and work in this exhibition, which has been in the planning for several years. It is a timely tribute to an artist who made an immense contribution to Australian cultural life. Mirka will be greatly missed, but she leaves a wonderful legacy through her art.'

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Mirka Mora: Pas de Deux—Drawings and Dolls

27 October 2018 – 24 March 2019

Heide Museum of Modern Art

Curators: Lesley Harding and Kendrah Morgan



The exhibition coincides with the release of a new book, *Mirka & Georges: A Culinary Affair* by Heide's Lesley Harding and Kendrah Morgan. Released 3 September 2018, it surveys the vitalising effect the Parisian couple had on Australian art and food after their arrival in 1951, and includes classic French recipes, photographs, and Mirka's sensuous and colourful artworks.

Published by The Miegunyah Press, an imprint of Melbourne University Publishing, and Heide Museum of Modern Art.

[In a previous announcement](#) Heide stated that, as Principal Partner of the exhibition, fashion house Gorman will create a new, limited edition Mirka Mora collection of garments and accessories that will be launched when the exhibition opens in October.

Heide Museum of Modern Art Artistic Director, Lesley Harding, Senior Curator, Kendrah Morgan and Gorman Founder and Creative Director, Lisa Gorman are available for interview.

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Image Captions

1. Mirka Mora, *Untitled* (sketchbook page) 1983, fibre-tipped pen and gouache on paper, courtesy William Mora Galleries, Melbourne
2. *Mirka & Georges: A Culinary Affair*, published by The Miegunyah Press, an imprint of Melbourne University Publishing and Heide Museum of Modern Art

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Museum opening hours

Tuesday–Sunday, 10am–5pm. Closed Mondays.

Admission fees apply: Members free | Adult \$20

| Concession \$15 | Children (16 and under) free

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