



The National Automobile Dealers Association

Henri Rousseau (1844-1910)

The National Automobile Dealers Association is proud to be a sponsor of the National Gallery of Art exhibition *Henri Rousseau: Jungles in Paris*, the first retrospective of this enigmatic artist's work to be held in the United States in over two decades.

A self-taught artist with grand ambitions, Rousseau painted fantasy jungle landscapes, filled with lush foliage and wild beasts, along with tranquil scenes of suburban Paris. But this painter of exotic locales never left France; rather his vision was shaped by the popular culture of his time—illustrated magazines, adventure novels, and tales of exploration, as well as visits to the zoo and world's fairs. The unique style he developed, combining dramatic subject matter, bright colors, and bold lines, was ultimately applauded for its forward-looking innovations.

Rousseau's great imagination echoes NADA's celebration of 100 years of the franchised dealers whose talent and inspiration helped shape America's love affair with cars and trucks.

Henri Rousseau: Jungles in Paris will be open to the public July 16 through October 15 in the East Building of the National Gallery of Art.

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