

# Media Release

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## GODDESS EXHIBITION CELEBRATES LEADING WOMEN ON SCREEN

A new world-premiere exhibition celebrating the trailblazing women of cinema opens tomorrow at ACMI adding another blockbuster event to Melbourne's creative offering – backed by the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Creative Industries Steve Dimopoulos today previewed the *Goddess: Power, Glamour, Rebellion* exhibition ahead of the opening night featuring iconic actor Geena Davis, the exhibition's lead ambassador.

The latest instalment of the Labor Government's Melbourne Winter Masterpieces series, *Goddess* traces 120 years of film and television history and the complex and changing representations of women on screen in Hollywood, Bollywood and Asian cinema.

The exhibition features never-before-seen costumes, props, sketches, movie memorabilia and interactive experiences – from Marlene Dietrich's iconic white tuxedo and Michelle Yeoh's fight-ready outfits from *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* (2000) to the trailblazing work of Pam Grier.

In addition to launching the exhibition, two-time Oscar winner Geena Davis will deliver a keynote speech at *Being Seen on Screen: The Importance of Representation*, a conference presented by ACMI in partnership with the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media.

Running until 1 October, *Goddess* will come alive with an extensive program of events, including curator tours, talks, workshops, film screenings and *Goddess Nights* – late night events featuring a lineup of DJs and performers.

Established by the Government in 2004, the Melbourne Winter Masterpieces series has become a must-see for culture lovers, bringing blockbuster exhibitions to Melbourne, while boosting tourism and economic activity during the winter months.

Past Melbourne Winter Masterpieces exhibitions at ACMI have included wildly popular exhibitions *Disney: The Magic of Animation*, *David Bowie Is...* and *Tim Burton: The Exhibition*.

*Goddess* is open at ACMI in Fed Square from 5 April until 1 October, before touring overseas.

For tickets and information visit [acmi.net.au](https://acmi.net.au).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events and Creative Industries Steve Dimopoulos

*"Goddess is another exclusive exhibition for Melbourne that is set to attract thousands of visitors to our city, which will deliver a major boost to local businesses including cafes, bars, hotels and retail shops."*

*"We're the major events and creative capital of Australia so there's nowhere better to host Goddess – it's fierce, it's fun and it showcases the iconic women who have influenced screen culture throughout the ages."*