

# "Beasts: Wild Animals in RAM's Collection" at Racine Art Museum

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"Pike" (1988) Beth Van Hoesen Color aquatint, etching, and drypoint, State II, Artist's proof, edition 3/5 (Racine Art Museum, Gift of the E. Mark Adams and Beth Van Hoesen Adams Trust Photo: Jon Bolton, Racine)

Open now is an exhibition that uses the natural world to help us understand our own. The Racine Art Museum draws on its own collection to assemble the exhibition of beasts we encounter throughout our lives. "Beasts: Wild Animals in RAM's Collection" is the title of the show, which will be on view until June 10, 2018.

The exhibition features ceramic sculptures, fiber works, paintings, photographs and print that have been drawn from the museum's collection. The natural world with its flora and fauna has been a long-standing source of inspiration for artists. Some also use it to address larger issues about the environment, humanity, society or culture. The artists featured in "Beasts: Wild Animals in RAM's Collection" depict animals that are not part of our daily lives, especially those that might be considered as beasts.

The word “beast” is generally associated with four-footed animals that are wild, dangerous, or large. These range from animals such as elephants, rhinos, lions, horses, or cows to imaginary creatures including dragons and griffins. Artists render them realistically, abstractly, or symbolically, depending on the focus of their interests. Beasts and their presence reflect the desire for us, humans, to make sense of the larger world.

“Beasts: Wild Animals in RAM’s Collection” runs through June 10, 2018 at the Racine Art Museum (RAM), 441 Main St, Racine, WI 53403, USA.

For details, visit: <https://www.ramart.org/> (<https://www.ramart.org/>)

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