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## **New Chagall Exhibition Coming to Jewish Museum Milwaukee**

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (May 28, 2024) – A new exhibit *Chagall’s Dead Souls: A Satirical Account of Imperialist Russia*, showcasing the etchings of world-renowned artist Marc Chagall, will be on view June 7 to September 8 at the Jewish Museum Milwaukee. The originally curated JMM exhibit in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Art Collection will feature 96 rarely seen etchings from Chagall’s illustrated version of Ukrainian-born satirist Nikolai Gogol’s novel, ‘Dead Souls’.

“Dead Souls,” often hailed as Russia’s first major novel, is a satire aimed at the social hypocrisy of 19th-century Imperialist Russia. Gogol’s work explores political and social divides through the story of its despicable, yet colorful protagonist. Chagall’s surreal and caricature-like imagery perfectly complements Gogol’s biting commentary, resulting in a magical and inspired pairing. This exhibit not only highlights the synergy between Gogol’s prose and Chagall’s etchings but also underscores their joint critique of societal flaws, many of which resonate with contemporary issues.

Widely acclaimed as the greatest Jewish painter of all time, Chagall’s work seamlessly shifts from reality to fantasy, and from the physical to the spiritual. His unique perspective, influenced by his experiences in Russia and France, brings a dynamic and multifaceted approach to the etchings. Visitors of *Chagall’s Dead Souls* will have the unique opportunity to explore the worlds of literature and visual art and the timeless collaboration between Nikolai Gogol and Marc Chagall.

An opening preview will be held on the evening of June 6 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Additional programming related to the themes of *Chagall’s Dead Souls: A Satirical Account of Imperialist Russia* will be held throughout the duration of the exhibit. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [here](#).

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