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Focused Look at Damien Hirst Works at Kansas City's Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art

Love, death, life, suffering, loyalty, and betrayal are among the ambiguities of the human condition explored in the provocative, unconventional and, at times, controversial works of British artist Damien Hirst. The exhibition *Focus: Damien Hirst* is on view July 29–December 5, 2008, at the Kemper Museum's galleries at Kemper East, 200 East 44th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Best known for his Natural History works, animals suspended in formaldehyde in industrial vitrines, Hirst reframes fundamental questions regarding the uncertainty and fragility of life. The exhibition examines these themes, among others, in the holdings of the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art by this prominent artist, including the print series *The Last Supper* (1999).

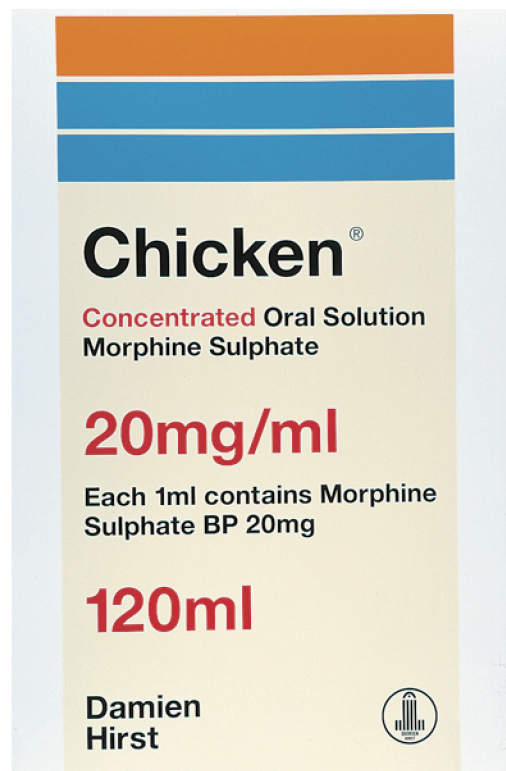
Admission is free, and the galleries at Kemper East are open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

For general information about the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, visit www.kemperart.org.

About the Kemper Museum

Kansas City's renowned free modern and contemporary art museum, the Kemper Museum of Contempo-

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Damien Hirst, *Chicken*, 1999, from *The Last Supper*; screen print, published by Paragon Press, edition of 150, 60 x 40 inches; Bebe and Crosby Kemper Collection, Museum Purchase, Enid and Crosby Kemper and William T. Kemper Acquisition Fund, 2003.18.1–13

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rary Art opened in October 1994 and draws more than 120,000 visitors each year. The Museum boasts a rapidly growing permanent collection of modern and contemporary works of artists from around the world. Permanent collection artists include Louise Bourgeois, Nan Goldin, Willem de Kooning, Morris Louis, Georgia O'Keeffe, Tom Otterness, Matthew Ritchie, and Wayne Thiebaud. The Museum hosts temporary exhibitions, installations, performance work, film and video series, lectures, concerts, children's workshops, and other creative programs designed to both entertain and challenge.

The Museum (4420 Warwick Blvd.) is open 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Tuesday–Thursday; 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Friday–Saturday; and 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Sunday. Café Sebastienne, a four-star restaurant, serves lunch 11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Tuesday–Sunday; and dinner 5:30–9:30 p.m., Friday–Saturday. The Museum and Café are closed on Mondays and major holidays. The galleries of Kemper East (200 E. 44th Street) are open 10:00 a.m.–4 p.m., Tuesday–Friday.

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