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WHANGĀREI MUSEUM PRESENTS:

WENT TO MORI



MEMENTO MORI

Indulge in the visual feast of Whangārei Museum's Memento Mori: Still Life Variations from the Collection, an exhibition that pays homage to the 17th century Dutch vanitas masters who painted within the Memento Mori tradition.

Memento Mori is a Latin phrase which translates to 'Remember, that you must die', and has served as a reflection and reminder of the fleeting nature of the material world, and life itself.

Whangārei Museum invites you to view six curated vitrines that reflect variations of the Memento Mori theme. Every collection piece keeps its own secrets, and placed in these sumptuous vanitas style arrangements, they tell a more striking story altogether.

A story of why these objects were chosen symbolically, how they came to be together contextually, and what does their arrangement communicate about the nature of life and death?

Nothing lasts forever, but Memento Mori captures evocative still-life scenes that will be sure to leave an impression.

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