



Kiefer/Van Gogh

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- Van Gogh has been a profound influence upon Kiefer's monumental paintings and sculptures
- Featuring many previously unseen works from Kiefer
- Accompanies an exhibition at the Royal Academy from June to October 2025

Ever since winning a travel grant as a 17-year-old to travel from the Netherlands through Belgium and Paris to Arles in Van Gogh's footsteps, the contemporary master painter and sculptor Anselm Kiefer has been inspired by the Dutchman's art. Van Gogh has been a profound influence upon the subjects and techniques of Kiefer's monumental paintings and sculptures, which draw on history, mythology, literature, philosophy and science. Published to coincide with Kiefer's 80th birthday in 2025, this book celebrates the power and luminous intensity of both artists' work.

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Vincent van Gogh, *Snow-Covered Field with a Harrow (after Millet)*, 1890

Oil on canvas, 72.1 cm x 92 cm

Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam (Vincent van Gogh Foundation)

Anselm Kiefer, *Schierlingsbecher*, 2019

Emulsion, oil, acrylic, shellac, straw and gold leaf on canvas, 280 x 760 cm

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