

Unblocking naked Venus: Facebook OKs museum nudes after all

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This image made available on Monday Feb. 4, 2019 by Musee Departemental Arles Antique shows a bronze "Statue of a captive" dating from the first century B.C.. A Geneva art museum said on Monday, Feb. 4, 2019, that Facebook had

prohibited it from promoting an upcoming exhibit entitled "Caesar and the Rhone" on the social media platform with an image of the statue, citing concerns about nudity. (Jean-Luc Maby/Musee Departemental Arles Antique via AP)

It seems Facebook can be friends with a topless Venus after all.

The social media giant said Tuesday it mistakenly blocked a [museum](#) in Switzerland from using images of two statues—a marble Venus and a bronze of a nude, kneeling man—to promote an upcoming exhibit.

The Museum of Art and History in Geneva had protested Facebook's citing of nudity concerns to keep the images off. The two statues are part of the exhibit.

Facebook said in an email to The Associated Press: "The ad was inadvertently rejected and is now available again on Facebook. We apologize for the mistake."

The museum says it has been preparing another promotional piece for its "Caesar and the Rhone" exhibit, which focuses on Caesar's conquests in the first century B.C.



This image made available on Monday Feb. 4, 2019 by the Louvre Museum shows a marble statue of "Venus of Arles" from late 1st century A.D.. A Geneva art museum said on Monday, Feb. 4, 2019, that Facebook had prohibited it from promoting an upcoming exhibit entitled "Caesar and the Rhone" on the social media platform with an image of the statue, citing concerns about nudity. (Louvre Museum via AP)

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