

Rosa Bonheur Milestones

1822

Marie-Rosalie (Rosa) Bonheur is born in Bordeaux, France.



1829

Rosa and her family move to Paris.

1833

Rosa is expelled from many schools for her "unruliness."

1837

Rosa meets Nathalie Micas, and they become inseparable.



1848

Rosa wins the gold medal at the Salon.



1845

Rosa exhibits six paintings at the Salon de Paris and wins the third-place medal.



1841

Rosa exhibits *Rabbits Nibbling Carrots* and *Goats and Sheep* at the Salon de Paris.



1849

The French government commissions Rosa to paint a bucolic scene.



1850

Rosa becomes the director of a free art school for girls and enlists her sister Juliette to help.



1851

Rosa starts dressing like a boy to sneak into markets.



1852

Rosa gets a special permit from the police to wear trousers.



1853

Rosa completes *The Horse Fair*—the painting is twice her height!



1857

Fellow artist Édouard Louis Dubufe paints a portrait of Rosa standing by a table. With his permission, she paints over the table and makes it a bull.

1859

Rosa buys a château in By and turns it into a huge studio and menagerie.



1865

Rosa is the first woman artist to receive the Legion of Honor in France.



1889

Nathalie Micas, Rosa's lifelong partner, dies.

1889

Rosa meets and becomes friends with Buffalo Bill.



1899

Rosa dies at her château in Thomery, France.

