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Spielberg, Lucas Join Forces for New Rockwell Exhibition at Smithsonian

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Put the filmmakers [Steven Spielberg](#) and [George Lucas](#) together and you are certain to get something that is very costly and deeply nostalgic. Their latest collaboration, however, isn't a science-fiction adventure or another "Indiana Jones" sequel, or even intended for the big screen: they will pool their private collections of [Norman Rockwell](#) artwork for an exhibition at the [Smithsonian American Art Museum](#) in Washington, [BBC News reported](#). The exhibition, which will open July 2 and will run through Jan. 2, 2011, will explore the connections between movie-making and Rockwell's illustrations, and will include video interviews with Mr. Spielberg and Mr. Lucas about their collections. "Both of them say Rockwell was a master of storytelling, and a master of telling the story in one figure, and that is just like one frame for a movie," said Virginia M. Mecklenburg, a senior curator at the museum, according to the BBC. Between the two directors, Mr. Lucas owns the earlier piece of Rockwell art: a Life magazine cover from 1917.

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