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Getty: Hulton Archive In Fashionably Late, ELLE Decor finally gets around to review exhibitions, movies, plays and more — after the crowds have died down. In this installment, Assistant Managing Editor, Lillian Dondero takes us to a blockbuster Frida Kahlo exhibition at the Brooklyn Museum. Walking into Frida Kahlo: Appearances can be deceiving at the Brooklyn Museum, visitors are greeted by a floor-to-ceiling video clip of the artist staring into the camera. It was a bit disarming because I came to the exhibition with some preconceived notions about not only her work, but of the artist herself. I thought it was about the disturbing selfies with bombastic splashes of surreal color and symbolism. And maybe I thought I knew more than I did because I had seen the Salma Hayek biopic from 2002. But the short video clip was a different entry into the artist's world than I expected. Just like in her self-portraits, Kahlo was consciously controlling what she wanted us to see by moving her head and body in small shifts, almost as if she were creating a quick-examination sketch on film instead of paper. But when I saw, I felt the camera was picking up so much more than maybe Kahlo wanted it to, and so her conscious movements were as if she knew the camera would give her away. There are only a handful of her self-portraits on display, and yes, personally, they are as unflinchingly direct as I expected them to be. These are no hipster selfies (no trout spilling or duck face), but they are a tightly controlled expression of who Kahlo wants us to see. In a way, they're just as manufactured in the same way rising Instagram stars can use filters and cropping, but Kahlo's work was in a time when women didn't always have control over their own image, or life, so art was a way to control her brand. Frida Kahlo painted exactly who she was and aspired to be, and all the bits and pieces of this identity-braided hair, monobrow, layered gold jewelry, Tehuana dress-is part of it. Her obsession with identity was only natural. Kahlo was born in 1907 in Mexico to mixed ancestry - a German-Hungarian immigrant father and half-Spanish, half-native Tehuana mother - and she used this mixed ethnicity not only to define herself, but also infused her painting with it. As she recovered from a horrific bus accident that, among other things, broke her spine and shattered her pelvis, she began to find her style as an artist. And as if it weren't hard enough being a working female artist in the 1930s, she became a member of the Communist Party, famous for hosting the Soviet refugee Leon Trotsky in 1936. Her big breakthrough came in 1938, when André Breton, poster boy of the surrealist movement, snagged a famous New York gallery putting his work on show and New York loved her. But this exhibition isn't about her work - it's more about her. Some visitors may be disappointed that several of her actual illustrations are not on display, but it didn't bother me. I had had small art history education grows up, so learning about an artist gives me a frame of reference and helps me appreciate the work more. The exhibition includes various photographs taken by Kahlo over a number of years as well as some of her jewelry, chest brooches, a selection of clothes and bric-a-brac. An early image shows the artist in full Supper regalia, complete with white dress, veil, folded hands in prayer, and an honorable smile undeterred by a pair of mischievous eyes. But here's the funny part: Years later she wanted to make sure that no one would mistake this image for a sign of genuine religious devotion, so she wrote *Idiota* on the back of it. I wasn't surprised at how many times she was photographed - the camera loves her. Many of them were shot in and around her famous home and studio in Casa Azul, Mexico. Her travels and expressions have a bit more fluidity than her self-portrait paintings, but she still adopts her famous three-quarter poses in most of them. The self-portraits were about the physical scars of her life: the bus accident she barely survived in her teenage years; and the physical scars of her life, polio, which paralyzed her when she was only six; and her complicated relationship with husband, the Mexican artist Diego Rivera. The pictures, on the other hand, are almost glamorous in comparison, just as they could have come out of a 1940s Hollywood studio. And the vulnerability she doesn't paint shows to the camera. The exhibition gave me the impression that Kahlo would have felt at home in today's world of selfies and photo filters and would surely have been an Instagram queen. At the end of the exhibition, visitors get to sit on a bench in front of a large blow-up of the artist staring directly into the camera. A moment of self-revelation for the visitor, perhaps? I think Kahlo would have approved of it. This content is created and maintained by a third party and imported into this page to help users enter their email addresses. You may be able to find more information about this and similar content on [piano.io](#). Another example of a passionate, stormy love affair filled with great joys and deep sorrows is the story of Mexican couples, Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. The two, now famous, were artists in the early 1900s. Kahlo, thin and frail due to a terrible wagon car accident, was known for her emotionally charged and autobiographical illustrations. The portly Rivera, 20 years her senior, was a master muralist. When the two married in 1929, Kahlo was 22 and Rivera was 42. It was her first marriage and his third [sources: 1300 Flowers, PBS]. They two greatly admired each other's art and were quite productive during their marriage, encouraging each other to create more. But Rivera was a serial philanderer who openly had dozens of affairs - including one with a sister of Kahlo's - throughout their marriage. Kahlo followed suit. As a result, problems and bitterness broke out and the couple separated several times even divorced in 1939, only to remarry in [source: PBS]. When Kahlo was on his deathbed in 1954, Rivera was with her. He later wrote that the day she died was the most tragic of his life and that he had realized of late the most wonderful part of my life had been my love for Frida. Rivera asked that his cremated ashes be placed at Kahlo's after his death [source: The Independent, Author's Note: 10 of history's most torrid Love Affairs Passionate love affairs seen like they'd be quite exciting, but after writing about the people above, it seems like intense passion is very often combined with lots of unhappiness. 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