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WINSLOW HOMER - A RETROSPECTIVE EXHIBITION

Washington, D.C. October 20: John Walker, Director of the National Gallery of Art, announced today that the largest exhibition of the work of Winslow Homer ever held will open at the Gallery on November 23 and run through January 4.

Homer (1836-1910), whom many consider the most important American artist of the 19th century, had a varied and adventurous career, all aspects of which will be represented in the show. He did illustrations during the Civil War for Harper's Weekly, visited France and England, lived in New York City and in Maine, and during trips to the Adirondacks, and to Nassau, Cuba, Florida and Bermuda, he made some of his finest water colors.

There will be 244 items in the exhibition, including 79 oil paintings, 106 water colors, as well as prints and drawings. The paintings have been lent by private owners, by museums in the United States, and by the Musée de l'Art Moderne in Paris.

There will be a catalogue with two color plates and over 100 illustrations.

A more extensive release will be sent to you in about two weeks.