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Washington, D. C. The 19th-century artist William Sidney Mount (1807-1868) will be honored with a major retrospective exhibition November 23, 1968 through January 5, 1969, at the National Gallery of Art. Only five other artists have received a similar distinction--Bellows, Homer, Eakins, Copley, and Stuart.

"Although Mount is America's first important painter of those casual scenes of everyday life known as 'genre,' he is not justly esteemed today, a condition we hope this exhibition will amend," said John Walker, Director of the National Gallery.

To illustrate the artist's long career, some 50 pictures will be shown. Many of the paintings and all the drawings are lent by the Suffolk Museum at Stony Brook, Long Island, the rural village of Mount's birth and residence.

The exhibition is circulated by the International Exhibitions Foundation. It will travel during 1969 to the City Art Museum of St. Louis, the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City, and the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum in San Francisco.

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