

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

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PRESS-TELEVISION-RADIO NOTICE OF OPENING EVENTS AT THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART FOR THE EXHIBITION OF MASTER PAINTINGS FROM THE HERMITAGE AND THE STATE RUSSIAN MUSEUM, LENINGRAD

An unprecedented loan exhibition from the Soviet Union, Master Paintings from The Hermitage and The State Russian Museum, Leningrad, will be seen for the first time in the United States beginning July 30 at the National Gallery of Art. Forty-three European old master and Russian paintings are included in the exhibition, which is an officially-designated American Revolution Bicentennial Administration event involving a foreign government. Negotiations for the loan were conducted by Dr. Armand Hammer, in consultation with J. Carter Brown, Director of the National Gallery, and the other four participating institutions. The following is a schedule of events prior to the public opening at the National Gallery, with press coverage limited as indicated:

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| Monday
July 28 | 10 a.m.
to
1 p.m. | <u>Press preview</u> for working press only.
Press credentials necessary. |
| | 1 p.m.
to
3 p.m. | Additional time for photography and filming only. |
| | | President of the Gallery and Mrs. Paul Mellon will give an official dinner in the East Garden Court. |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Photo set-up in the exhibition with Mr. and Mrs. Mellon and Dr. and Mrs. Armand Hammer. |
| | 8 p.m. | Guests will enter the Gallery through the Constitution Avenue (at 6th Street) door and the Mall entrance. |
| | | Press coverage and photography will be permitted before dinner. Television* at the receiving line only. |
| | 10:30 p.m. | After dinner, the guests will preview the exhibition, which is installed in four galleries off the East Garden Court. |
| | | Press coverage and still photography permitted. |
| Tuesday
July 29 | 10 a.m.
to
8 p.m. | Invitational opening (Gallery's mailing list).
Press coverage, television* and photography permitted. |
| Wednesday
July 30 | 10 a.m. | Exhibition opens to the public.
Press coverage, television* and photography permitted. |

*For television coverage, please contact the Gallery's Information Office in advance so that arrangements can be made for an electrician.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION or photographs contact Katherine Warwick, Assistant to the Director, or Pamela Jenkinson, Information Office, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. 20565, area code 202, 737-4215, ext. 224.