

# NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

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## NOTE TO EDITORS:

A special telephone number has been set up at the National Gallery of Art to answer inquiries from the public about the new East Building and the six special opening exhibitions, including information about the pass system and the availability of passes for The Splendor of Dresden: Five Centuries of Art Collecting, An Exhibition from the German Democratic Republic. The telephone number is area code 202, 737-2787 with the capacity to answer five calls at any one time. The questions will be answered personally during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily, with a recorded message after 5:30 p.m.

To accomodate as many visitors as possible and to minimize the length of time spent waiting in line, free passes for admission to the Dresden exhibition will be distributed from two special Dresden jousting tents on the west side of National Gallery Plaza (Fourth Street between Constitution Avenue and Madison Drive.) Distribution of the passes, which allow entrance to the exhibition during designated half-hour intervals, will begin each day at 5 p.m. starting June 1 for that evening and the following morning and afternoon. The tents will remain open, as long as passes are available, from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday. No passes can be distributed in advance or reserved by telephone or mail.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION-FOR PRESS ONLY-contact the Gallery's Information Office, area code 202, 737-4215, ext. 224.