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KATHARINE GRAHAM RECEIVES
NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

WASHINGTON, May 2, 1988 - The Board of Trustees of the National Gallery of Art announced today that it has awarded its Medal for Distinguished Service to Education in Art to Katharine Graham. The award recognizes Mrs. Graham's contributions to the dissemination of information about the arts and her work on behalf of art and artists. Mrs. Graham is cited for her co-chairmanship of The Circle of the National Gallery of Art, her leadership role on the National Gallery's Patrons' Permanent Fund Campaign Committee, and her membership on the ongoing Resources Planning Committee and the Collectors Committee. Katharine Graham is chairman of the Washington Post Company.

In making the announcement, John R. Stevenson, president of the National Gallery of Art, said: "Katharine Graham has long been a generous supporter of the Gallery, and she has made significant contributions of both time and energy to help this institution fulfill its commitment to broaden its base of support and to involve more actively and directly its national constituency. I think it is also important to recognize that this medal celebrates not only her immense contribution to the National Gallery of Art, but perhaps most importantly, her leadership in helping to strengthen the cultural life of this entire nation."

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Past recipients of the National Gallery of Art Medal for Distinguished Service to Education in Art include John Walker, former director of the National Gallery, who received the award in 1976, Kenneth Clark (later Lord Clark of Saltwood) who was recognized in 1971 for the television series "Civilisation," and Erwin Panofsky, Professor Emeritus, Institute of Advanced Study, Princeton, who was honored in 1966 at the time of the Gallery's 25th anniversary.

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