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GALLERY ADDS EVENING HOURS FOR CIRCA 1492

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In response to the increasing popularity of <u>Circa 1492</u>: Art in the Age of Exploration, the National Gallery of Art will keep the exhibition open for viewing until 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings through the run of the show, January 12, 1992. In addition, the new High Definition Video Theatre and the exhibition <u>Walker Evans</u>: <u>Subway Photographs and Other Recent Acquisitions</u>, also in the East Building, will remain open. The best times to see <u>Circa 1492</u> are Monday through Thursday, and Friday and Saturday evenings.

Through January 12, the East Building Terrace Café will offer international cuisine by candlelight and live harp music until 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Visitors can also view "Masters of Illusion," a cinematic exploration of the discovery of perspective and concepts of pictorial space, in film or high definition video continuously from 1:00 p.m. daily, with the last showing one hour before closing.

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The National Gallery of Art, located at Fourth Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, is open free of charge every day except Christmas and New Year's. The hours currently are as follows:

Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (for Circa 1492 and Walker Evans in East Building only; the rest of the Gallery closes at 5:00 p.m.)

Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Same-day and advance passes for <u>Circa 1492</u> are available free of charge in the East Building. For pass information call (202) 842-6684. For a small service fee, passes can also be obtained at Ticketmaster and Hecht Co. stores or by calling Ticketmaster PhoneCharge in Washington, DC, at (202) 432-0200, and nationwide, 1-800-448-9009.

For more information about <u>Circa 1492</u>, and other Gallery exhibitions and events, call (202) 842-6690 or (202) 842-6694.