

# NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

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## WGTS-FM TO BROADCAST NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

### SUNDAY EVENING CONCERTS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1

Washington, D.C. -- The National Gallery of Art's weekly concerts will be broadcast at a new location on the radio dial, WGTS, 91.9 FM, beginning November 1. The concerts will air at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings, the same time that the concerts occur, but on a delayed schedule. Each concert will be heard four weeks after its live performance date at the Gallery. For example, the opening concert of the season, which took place on October 4, will be heard on WGTS on Sunday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. Previously concerts were aired on WGMS.

The National Gallery of Art joins its sister series at the Phillips Collection, which has been broadcast on WGTS since 1990. The station is owned and operated by Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland. Founded in 1957, it is the oldest non-commercial radio station in the Washington, D.C. area. It broadcasts a 24-hour-a-day schedule of classical music and other fine art programming.

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"We are delighted at the prospect of a new format and a new station on the FM dial, WGTS, 91.1. We look forward to our second forty years of broadcasting Gallery concerts as a service to Washington's radio audience," said George Manos, National Gallery music director.

Free Sunday concerts at the National Gallery of Art have entered their fifty-first season and include a fine selection of internationally renowned performers, as well as regular performances by the National Gallery Orchestra under the direction of George Manos. A popular intermission feature hosted by the Gallery's education department will continue to provide commentary on its collections, current exhibitions, and other events of special interest at the Gallery. Lovers of classical music who have followed these concerts on the radio over the years can continue to do so, simply by turning the dial to a new location, WGTS-FM, 91.9, at 7:00 p.m. on Sundays. An introductory copy of the WGTS program guide may be obtained by calling the station at (301) 891-4200. Recorded information on the concerts is available by calling the National Gallery of Art at (202) 842-6941.

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