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NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART INVITES APPLICATIONS

FOR 1994 TEACHER INSTITUTE

Washington, D.C. -- The National Gallery of Art announces the 1994 National Gallery of Art Teacher Institute, the sixth annual summer enrichment program for teachers from kindergarten through grade twelve. Teachers of all subjects in these grade levels are encouraged to apply. A total of 150 educators will be selected to participate in the six-day sessions held at the National Gallery in Washington during July and August 1994. The deadline for applications is April 30, 1994.

The topic of this year's teacher institute is Modern Art: 1900-1940. A series of lectures, studio technique demonstrations, hands-on sessions, and tours of the National Gallery's collection of early twentieth-century art will be featured in the program. A visit to the nearby Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington will provide additional study opportunities. Lectures and discussions will be led by National Gallery staff as well as outside experts.

The Teacher Institute is a national program designed for intellectual renewal for educators by providing information about art and its cultural context and demonstrating techniques for teaching about art. Unlike school- or university-based programs, the Gallery's institute offers educators the

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opportunity to learn through direct encounters with art in a museum setting. Featured topics vary in different years. Since 1989, approximately 850 educators from every state and all U.S. territories have attended.

Three sessions with fifty participants in each are scheduled for the 1994 program: July 11-16, July 25-30, and August 8-13. To facilitate partnership, educators are encouraged to apply in teams of two or three. Teams of teachers and administrators (principals, supervisors, curriculum specialists) will be given special consideration. Team applicants need not teach in the same school or attend the same institute session but should have the general goal of collaboration upon return to their school districts.

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 30, 1994. To receive application materials, educators should send postcards with their name and address to:

Teacher Institute
Education Division
National Gallery of Art
Washington, D.C. 20565

The Teacher Institute augments the National Gallery's extension programs, which serve a national audience through the production and free-loan distribution of instructional materials, including films, videos, slide sets, and other teaching resources. To obtain a catalogue of available materials, write to: Department of Education Resources, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. 20565.

For more information about the 1994 Teacher Institute, contact: Julie Springer (202) 842-6261.
