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NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART CELEBRATES THE 1994 HOLIDAY SEASON

Washington, D.C. -- The National Gallery of Art will celebrate the holiday season with a variety of festive activities and art-related gifts for all ages. Visitors will be treated to a grand display of poinsettias and holiday greenery in the West Building's Rotunda and Garden Courts.

Sounds of the season will ring through the West Building during two special events. The public is invited to participate in holiday caroling on December 10, 11, 17, and 18, at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the Rotunda. A concert of traditional Christmas choral music will be performed by the Maryland Camerata of the University of Maryland, conducted by Dr. Jeanine Trent, on Sunday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Building, East Garden Court. The Gala Viennese New Year Concert is scheduled for January 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Building, East Garden Court. Seating for both concerts will be first-come, first-served, beginning at 6:00 pm. For more information, call (202) 842-6941.

Throughout December, holiday refreshments--including mulled cider, hot cocoa, and assorted holiday pastries--will be served in the Terrace and Garden Cafés and Cascade Espresso Bar.

Visitors shopping for holiday gifts may browse through the East and West Building bookstores' wide selection of merchandise, including reproductions,

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books, videotapes, stationery, and games with art themes for adults and children. An innovative book, NGA Activity Book: Twenty-Five Adventures with Art (\$16.95), introduces children to the National Gallery of Art's collection through "art adventures." The Gallery's coloring-book calendar, including works by artists Mary Cassatt and Henri Matisse, is a creative way for children to observe the months of the year. An assortment of books and other items related to the exhibition The Prints of Roy Lichtenstein, continuing through January 8, 1995, is available in the East Building concourse bookstores.

An elegant selection of jewelry was introduced this fall in the West Building bookstore. These exquisite reproductions are based on adornments from works of art in the Gallery's collection. In all, there are nearly forty pieces of jewelry. A card included with each piece provides facts about the artist and work of art that inspired it.

The Gallery's Holiday Shop is stocked with seasonal cards, books, calendars, and recordings. Adoration of the Magi, by Fra Angelico and Fra Filippo Lippi, a brilliantly-colored Renaissance painting from the Gallery's collection, is adapted as an enchanting advent calendar.

The Gallery is located between 4th and 7th Streets on Constitution Avenue, N.W. Admission is free. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Gallery will be closed on Sunday, December 25, and Sunday, January 1. The nearest Metro stops are Archives and Judiciary Square. For additional information, call (202) 737-4215.

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