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SPECIAL SHOP FOR "VAN GOGH'S VAN GOGHS" AT NATIONAL GALLERY

Washington, D.C. -- Visitors to Van Gogh's Van Goghs: Masterpieces from the Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, on view at the National Gallery of Art, October 4, 1998 – January 3, 1999, will discover a variety of educational materials, as well as art-related gifts, which are available in a special shop located directly across from the exit of the exhibition in the West Building. The exhibition catalogue, published by the National Gallery of Art in association with Harry N. Abrams, Inc., will be for sale, along with products created specifically for the exhibition by the Van Gogh Museum. Gift items that will be available include puzzles and games for children, desk and computer accessories, a broad selection of stationery products, silk scarves, a watch, a ceramic vase based on Van Gogh's painting Vase with Autumn Asters, and coffee mugs.

Additional catalogue sales kiosks will be located in the East Sculpture Hall and at the Fourth Street entrance of the West Building. For Gallery Shops sales information, call (202) 842-6466. For exhibition catalogue special orders, call (301) 322-5900 or (800) 697-9350. The catalogue will also be available in the Gallery Shops section on the National Gallery's Web site at <http://www.nga.gov>.

EXHIBITION CATALOGUE AND RELATED BOOKS

A memorable reminder of a visit to the Van Gogh exhibition, the catalogue Van Gogh's

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Van Goghs offers a fresh and lively account of Van Gogh's art. Written by independent scholar Richard Kendall, with contributions by John Leighton and Sjraar van Heugten of the Van Gogh Museum, it is published by the National Gallery of Art in association with Harry N. Abrams, Inc. It is available in softbound for \$25.00 and hardbound for \$37.50.

A guidebook to the Van Gogh Museum's collection, published in English, French, Spanish, Japanese, German, Dutch, and Italian, is available for \$10.00 each. Several other books on the Van Gogh Museum are also available.

EDUCATIONAL ITEMS AND FAMILY GAMES

Families and adults will enjoy a variety of puzzles featuring popular images from the exhibition: 32-piece puzzle cards (four image selections/ \$4.95 each); 32-piece puzzles in sleeves (four image selections/\$6.95 each); 500-piece puzzle of Wheatfield with Crows in a tin box (\$14.50); two 1,000-piece puzzles of The Bedroom and Fishing Boats on the Beach at Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer (\$8.50 each); and 65-piece travel puzzles (four image selections/\$9.95 each). Children of all ages will enjoy a pop-up book (\$16.95), art activity book (\$19.95), memory game (\$18.95), and a family path game that follows the periods of Van Gogh's artistic career (\$24.95).

Favorite images from the exhibition can be reviewed with one of seven slide sets (12 slides each) focusing on themes that include the artist's work in Nuenen, Paris, Arles, Saint-Rémy, and Auvers-sur-Oise (\$8.95 each).

POSTERS AND POSTCARDS

Six exhibition posters featuring works from the show are available at \$15.00 each:

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The Harvest (30" x 27 1/4"); Fishing Boats on the Beach at Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer (29 7/8" x 27 1/4"); The Yellow House ("The Street") (30 1/4" x 27 1/4"); The Bedroom (30" x 24 1/4"); Almond Blossom (30" x 27 1/4"); and Wheatfield with Crows (40 1/4" x 24"). Fifteen small posters displaying many of Van Gogh's most popular images (ranging from 11 7/8" x 15 3/4" to 13 3/8" x 16 5/8"), are priced at \$5.00 each. A large poster depicting Landscape at Twilight (19 3/4" x 39 3/8") is available for \$12.00, and a smaller poster of The Courtesan (16 7/8" x 25 5/8") is available for \$10.00. Twenty postcards (4 1/8" x 5 5/8"), are offered at \$0.50 each.

STATIONERY PRODUCTS / DESK AND COMPUTER ACCESSORIES

There are seven calendars for 1999, including wall, engagement, and pocket calendars (\$6.95 - 14.95), each featuring signature images and descriptive material from the exhibition such as Self-Portrait as an Artist, The Bedroom, and Wheatfield with Crows. Other stationery products include three address books (\$6.95 - 18.95 each); three blank books (\$7.95 - \$10.95 each); a boxed set of 20 cards with envelopes featuring The Bedroom (\$14.95); four notecard sets (\$8.95 each); five different notepads in small and large sizes (\$3.50 and \$4.95); and three paperweights with images of Still Life with Carafe and Lemons, Self-Portrait as an Artist, and The Bedroom (\$17.95 each).

Artists' supplies that are available include drawing pencils, sketch pads, a watercolor set, and a "Van Gogh signature" tin pencil box (\$3.50 - \$26.95). Art supplies or books can be carried in the "Van Gogh signature" canvas bag (\$19.95). Stamp collectors will enjoy choosing from a variety of stamp packages with canceled stamps featuring Van Gogh images (\$3.95 - \$8.50). Reproductions of favorite Van

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Gogh paintings will enhance any computer environment: three mousepads, featuring different images from the exhibition, are priced at \$15.95 each. Two screensavers, each with eight images, are available at \$18.95.

NOTABLE GIFTS

The Van Gogh Museum has produced some notable gifts that the Gallery will offer in the Van Gogh exhibition shop. To brighten the home or office, ceramic display tiles (8" x 8") are available with images of Almond Blossom, The Harvest, Fishing Boats on the Beach at Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, and The Courtesan (\$29.50 each).

Other items offered include a richly colored ceramic vase (8 3/8" high; \$139.00) based on an object in the still-life painting Vase with Autumn Asters, a watch depicting The Bedroom (blue or pumpkin strap with coordinating rim; \$59.00), and two colorful coffee mugs, one displaying The Bedroom, the other Wheatfield with Crows (\$11.95 each). Other gifts include a variety of hard magnets, each displaying an image or detail of an image in the exhibition (\$3.50 each), and a set of three soft magnets (two versions/\$9.95 each). An ideal holiday gift is a 100% silk scarf: one version depicts Irises, the other, Wheatfield with Crows (\$98.00 each).

Van Gogh's Van Goghs: Masterpieces from the Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam is made possible by generous support from Andersen Consulting. The exhibition is organized by the National Gallery of Art, Washington, and the Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. The exhibition is supported by an indemnity from the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities.

The National Gallery of Art, located on Constitution Avenue between Third and Seventh Streets, N.W., is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free. For general information, call (202) 737-4215, the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (202) 842-6176, or visit the Gallery's Web site at <http://www.nga.gov>.

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