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NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART SCULPTURE GARDEN

ICE SKATING RINK OPENS NOVEMBER 15, 1999

Washington, D.C. - The National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden Ice Skating Rink will reopen on November 15, 1999, through March 15, 2000, weather permitting. The rink's sleek, modern design with clear glass dasher boards creates an open vista throughout the garden and offers skaters the unique experience of viewing magnificent works of sculpture.

A state-of-the-art compact disc music system, with twenty-four speakers installed on light poles encircling the rink, provides uniform sound to skaters, without distracting other visitors to the garden.

The National Park Service and the National Gallery of Art first constructed a skating rink on the National Mall in 1974. It was closed in 1997 for construction of the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden, which opened to the public on May 23, 1999.

The hours for the ice skating rink are Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Admission to skate will be as follows:

Weekday Adult Admission:	$5.00
Weekend Adult Admission:	$5.50 (Saturday and Sunday)
Weekday Student Admission:	$4.00 (children & any student with student ID)
Weekend Student Admission:	$4.50 (Saturday and Sunday)
Weekday Seniors Admission:	$4.00 (age 50 and over)
Weekend Seniors Admission:	$4.50 (Saturday and Sunday)

The fee is $2.50 for skate rental and use of lockers. Refreshments and light fare are available from carts adjacent to the rink.

The National Gallery of Art and Sculpture Garden are closed on December 25 and January 1. For general information, call (202) 737-4215, the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (202) 842-6176, or visit the National Gallery of Art's Web site at www.nga.gov. To receive the Gallery's free bimonthly Calendar of Events, call (202) 842-6662.

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