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NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART VIDEODISC OF EUROPEAN ART

AVAILABLE FOR LOAN FREE OF CHARGE

Washington, D.C. – The department of education resources at the National Gallery of Art has produced a new videodisc on the Gallery's European collection. *European Art from the National Gallery of Art* offers a comprehensive view of the Gallery's entire collection of European art, including paintings, sculpture, drawings, watercolors, prints, and decorative arts. The videodisc also includes a 30-minute introduction narrated by Gallery director Earl A. Powell III. The program presents art from the fourteenth through the twentieth centuries highlighting works by such renowned artists as Rembrandt, Corot, Manet, Monet, Degas, and Cézanne.

European Art from the National Gallery of Art, funded in part by a grant from The Annenberg Foundation, is available on loan for nine months free of charge to educational institutions, community groups, and individuals throughout the United States. This release complements the Gallery's recently produced videodisc, *American Art from the National Gallery of Art*, also available on loan.

"In addition to the Gallery's Web site and extension loan programs, this comprehensive, user-friendly, educational videodisc is another way that the Gallery's collection is made accessible to audiences nationwide, no matter how far away from the Gallery they may live," said Powell.

The still-frame archive for the *European Art* videodisc contains more than 2800 full images of individual works, each accompanied by identifying caption information and numerous details. The videodisc is designed to accommodate a variety of interests and teaching techniques and is flexible enough to allow audiences to move rapidly among widely separated images on the disc in order to create sequences of works that address their particular needs.

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For information on how to borrow these videodiscs or other educational materials, or to receive a free catalogue, visit the Gallery's Web site at www.nga.gov/education, or write to:

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General Information

The National Gallery of Art and its Sculpture Garden, located on the National Mall between Third and Ninth Streets, NW, are 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. The Gallery and Sculpture Garden are closed on December 25 and January 1. For general information call (202) 737-4215, or the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (202) 842-6176, or visit the Gallery'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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