

# National Gallery of Art

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### NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

### CELEBRATES THE 2000 HOLIDAY SEASON

Washington, DC -- The National Gallery of Art celebrates the 2000 holiday season with magnificent holiday decor and free holiday programs, including caroling, gallery talks, and Sunday concerts.

The stage is set with the Gallery's grand display of traditional holiday plants. Three hundred red and white poinsettia, twelve Christmas trees, and an abundance of amaryllis will decorate the West Building's Rotunda and Garden Courts beginning the week of December 4. Holiday programs follow:

**GALLERY TALKS** - *The Christmas Story in Art*. Join a Gallery lecturer on a 50-minute tour of works with holiday themes in the permanent collection. Gallery talks begin in the Rotunda of the West Building.

December 14, 15, 16, and 19  
1:00 p.m.

December 21  
12 noon

**HOLIDAY CAROLING** - Visitors are invited to sing along with holiday caroling by local ensembles in the Rotunda of the West Building from 1:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. on December 9, 10, 16, and 17. Guest ensembles for each date are:

December 9  
Voices of the Potomac, MD, Community Theater

December 16  
First Mount Zion Baptist  
Church Choir, Dumfries, VA

December 10  
The Fredericksburg, VA Singers

December 17  
Duke Ellington School for the Arts  
Show Choir, Washington, DC

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**CONCERTS** - Audiences will be admitted on a first-come, first-seated basis, starting at 6:00 p.m. each Sunday. The Sixth Street and Constitution Avenue entrance to the West Building remains open until 7:00 p.m., and the Garden Café is open until 6:30 p.m. Concerts take place in the West Garden Court, West Building. Performances begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at approximately 8:30 p.m.

December 17

Traditional Christmas Concert  
Columbia Collegiate Chorale  
James Bingham, conductor

January 7

Gala Viennese New Year Concert  
National Gallery Orchestra  
George Manos, conductor

**GENERAL INFORMATION** - The National Gallery of Art and its Sculpture Garden, located on the National Mall and Constitution Avenue 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. The Gallery is closed on December 25 and January 1. Admission is free. For general information, call (202) 737-4215, or the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (202) 842-6176, or visit Gallery's Web site at [www.nga.gov](http://www.nga.gov). To receive the Gallery's free bimonthly Calendar of Events, call (202) 842-6662.

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