

National Gallery of Art

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NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

CELEBRATES THE 2001 HOLIDAY SEASON



Washington, DC – The National Gallery of Art celebrates the 2001 holiday season with magnificent decor and free 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 Rotunda and Garden Courts beginning December 6.

Holiday activities include:

GALLERY TALKS

Join Gallery lecturer Philip Leonard for a 50-minute discussion of paintings with holiday themes in the permanent collection. Meet in the Rotunda of the West Building.

Reading the "Adoration of the Magi"

December 26

1:00 p.m.

December 30

12 noon

January 2 and 4

12 noon

Reading the "Adoration of the Shepherds"

December 27, 28, and 29

1:00 p.m.

January 3

12 noon

HOLIDAY CAROLING

Visitors are invited to sing along with guest ensembles in the Rotunda of the West Building at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on December 8, 9, 15, and 16, and in the Sculpture Garden Pavilion Café from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on December 15, 16, 22, and 23.

Rotunda

December 8: Combined choirs of the Washington Saengerbund, the German Catholic Mission, and The United Church, from Washington, DC

December 9: Encore, from Potomac, MD

December 15: The Alexandria Children's Chorus and Bel Canto Singers

December 16: Park Road Community Church Choraleers, from Washington, DC

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Sculpture Garden Pavilion Café

December 15: Yorktown High School Madrigal Singers, from Arlington, VA

December 16: Eleanor Roosevelt High School Suspenders, from Greenbelt, MD

December 22: (TBA)

December 23: (TBA)

CONCERTS

Concerts take place on Sundays in the West Building, East Garden Court, and are free to the public. Performances are from 7:00 p.m. to approximately 8:30 p.m. Audiences are admitted on a first-come, first-seated basis starting at 6:00 p.m. The Sixth Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, entrance to the West Building remains open until 7:00 p.m. and the Garden Café is open until 6:30 p.m.

December 9

Festive Russian Choral Music

Yale Russian Chorus
Mark Bailey, conductor

December 23

Traditional Christmas Music

Alessandra Marc, soprano
Joseph Holt, pianist

January 6

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 at 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 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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