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## Corcoran Gallery of Art, the George Washington University and National Gallery of Art Complete Agreements

Free Admission to the Corcoran Begins Friday



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Washington, DC—The historic agreements between The Corcoran Gallery of Art and Corcoran College of Art and Design, the George Washington University (GW) and the National Gallery of Art are now final. With the completion of today's transactions, the new partnership to preserve the Corcoran legacy is officially underway.

Visitors to the galleries in the Flagg building on 17th Street will no longer be charged admission fees beginning Friday, August 22, 2014. Hours of operation are now Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The current tour schedule remains the same and can be found at <http://www.corcoran.org/visit/daily-tours>.

As part of this new collaboration, students, faculty and many Corcoran staff now become part of GW and others join the National Gallery. The University also takes responsibility for the Corcoran's 17th Street building and one of the nation's leading art schools, which will now be known as the Corcoran School of the Arts and Design within GW's Columbian College of Arts and Sciences.

Custody of the art collection has been transferred to the National Gallery. Curators from the National Gallery and the Corcoran will continue the work they have already begun on the accession and distribution plan, which may take up to a year. Plans for the display of works from the Corcoran collection at the National Gallery in the coming months will be released at a later date.

Current gallery space in the 17th Street Flagg building is expected to close Oct. 1. The National Gallery will renovate the second-floor gallery spaces in the Flagg building, which will house the Legacy Gallery of important works from the Corcoran collection, as well as special exhibitions of modern and contemporary art. A date for reopening the gallery will be set in the coming months.

Classes at GW's Corcoran School of the Arts and Design begin Aug. 27. Students will continue to take classes in the Corcoran buildings and will now have access to GW's facilities, services and courses on its three campuses.

These inaugural activities, as stated in the February partnership agreements, are just the beginning of the implementation of the agreements, which ensure that the historic building remains a showplace for art and a home for the Corcoran School and its programs, creating a global hub for the arts at GW. These same activities also underscore that the collaboration safeguards the Corcoran's collection and increases access to the art as a public resource in Washington.

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For more information about GW's Corcoran School of the Arts and Design, please visit <http://www.corcoran.gwu.edu>.

For more information on upcoming exhibitions and programs that will be organized by the National Gallery in the 17th Street building, the community is encouraged to subscribe to the National Gallery's monthly electronic newsletter at <http://www.nga.gov/subscribe>.

## General Information

The National Gallery of Art and its Sculpture Garden are at all times free to the public. They are located on the National Mall between 3rd and 9th Streets at Constitution Avenue NW, and are open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Gallery is closed on December 25 and January 1. For information call (202) 737-4215 or visit the Gallery's Web site at [www.nga.gov](http://www.nga.gov). Follow the Gallery on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NationalGalleryofArt](http://www.facebook.com/NationalGalleryofArt), Twitter at [www.twitter.com/ngadc](http://www.twitter.com/ngadc), and Instagram at <http://instagram.com/ngadc>.

Visitors will be asked to present all carried items for inspection upon entering. Checkrooms are free of charge and located at each entrance. Luggage and other oversized bags must be presented at the 4th Street entrances to the East or West Building to permit x-ray screening and must be deposited in the checkrooms at those entrances. For the safety of visitors and the works of art, nothing may be carried into the Gallery on a visitor's back. Any bag or other items that cannot be carried reasonably and safely in some other manner must be left in the checkrooms. Items larger than 17 by 26 inches cannot be accepted by the Gallery or its checkrooms.

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