# SIXTH STREET AND CONSTITUTION AVENUE, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20565



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**OCTOBER 1970** 



CEZANNE. The Artist's Father

#### **RECENT ACQUISITION**

The Artist's Father by Paul Cézanne, the Gallery's most important single acquisition since the Leonardo da Vinci in 1967, goes on exhibition September 29 in Lobby D. The painting, shown only twice publicly and never in the United States, was acquired through the generosity of Paul Mellon, President of the National Gallery.

The life-size portrait is the earliest (1866) and largest (781% x 47 inches) of the Gallery's twelve paintings by Cézanne, the most important and influential of those artists working in the late 19th-century. The portrait was painted when Cézanne was only twenty-seven and just beginning to gain a small amount of recognition this in part due to Émile Zola, the novelist and at the time a critic for the widely read Paris newspaper *L'Événement*.

In May of 1866, Zola had published a letter supporting Cézanne and stressing how much he had profited from their ten-year-old friendship. In reply to this tribute, Cézanne, according to the noted art historian John Rewald, portrayed his banker father reading L'Événement.

Posed frontally and painted with sharp contrasts, Louis-Auguste Cézanne is seen as a strong and distant personality, which indeed he was. He controlled his son's life, but at least allowed him financial security so that he never had to think of customers for his pictures. National Gallery of Art

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## **MARY CASSATT 1844-1926**

Continuing on view in the Central Galleries through November 8, an exhibition of one hundred works by Mary Cassatt, including oils, pastels, and graphics, the largest exhibition ever held of the work of this important American Impressionist. Included are a number of paintings never before shown in the United States as well as seldom-seen pictures from the Cassatt family and several European collections.

This exhibition is being shown only in Washington and is the sixth in a series of retrospectives which the National Gallery has organized honoring important American artists, the first to honor a woman. A fully-illustrated catalog (\$4.75) and a full color poster in a limited edition, featuring *The Boating Party*, a painting in the collection of the National Gallery, are available in the Gallery's publications rooms adjacent to the exhibition. The poster is on sale for \$5.00 during the exhibition, \$10.00 afterward.

#### **RECENT GRAPHIC ARTS ACQUISITIONS**

This exhibition, featuring an important and rare landscape drawing by Sir Anthony van Dyck, formerly in the collection of Jonathan Richardson, Sr., and Sir Joshua Reynolds, will be on view in Gallery G-19 from October 5 through November 15. Other works include prints by Pieter Bruegel the Elder, José Ribera, Salomon Koninck, Jean-Baptiste Oudry, Camille Pissarro, John Sloan, and Max Beckmann.

# THE INFLUENCE OF REMBRANDT ON 19th-CENTURY LANDSCAPE PRINTS

This exhibition, exploring the impact of Rembrandt's treatment of nature upon the landscape prints of several 19th century and early 20th century artists, will be on view in the east ground floor corridor from October 10 through November 30. These include Jean-Baptiste-Camille Corot, Seymour Haden, Charles François Daubigny, Alphonse Legros, and Muirhead Bone.

#### FALL "CIVILISATION" SHOWINGS CONTINUE

The Fall showings of "Civilisation," which began on September 13, will continue through December 12. Each week, one film of the thirteen part series by art historian Kenneth Clark will be shown daily at 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. No tickets needed for admission, which is on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### **GALLERY AND CAFETERIA HOURS**

The Gallery is open weekdays and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sundays, 12 noon to 10:00 p.m. Cafeteria hours: weekdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; luncheon service 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Sundays, dinner service 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.



DEGAS. Four Dancers (detail)

PIERO DELLA FRANCESCA. Saint Apollonia

MONDAY, September 28, through SUNDAY, October 4

\*PAINTING OF THE WEEK Degas. Four Dancers (Chester Dale Collection) Gallery 85 ' Tues. through Sat. 12:00 & 2:00; Sun. 3:30 & 6:00

**TOUR OF THE WEEK** Classical Subjects Outside of Italy. Rotunda Tues. through Sat. 1:00; Sun. 2:30

**TOUR** Introduction to the Collection. Rotunda Mon. through Sat. 11:00 & 3:00; Sun. 5:00

SUNDAY LECTURE Degas: Movement, Space, and Time Guest Speaker: Lincoln F. Johnson Professor of Fine Arts Goucher College, Baltimore Auditorium 4:00

**WEEKDAY FILM** — "CIVILISATION," III Romance and Reality, 12:30 & 1:30

SUNDAY FILM — "CIVILISATION," IV Man-The Measure of All Things, 12:30 & 1:30

#### SUNDAY CONCERT

Beethoven and His Contemporaries National Gallery Orchestra Richard Bales, Conductor Virginia Eskin, Pianist East Garden Court 7:00

\*11" x 14" reproductions with texts for sale this week— $15\phi$  each. If mailed,  $25\phi$  each.

## MONDAY, October 5, through SUNDAY, October 11

\*PAINTING OF THE WEEK Piero della Francesca. Saint Apollonia (Samuel H. Kress Collection) Gallery 4 Tues. through Sat. 12:00 & 2:00; Sun. 3:30 & 6:00

**TOUR OF THE WEEK** *The Mary Cassatt Exhibition.* Central Gallery Tues. through Sat. 1:00; Sun. 2:30

#### TOUR

Introduction to the Collection. Rotunda Mon. through Sat. 11:00 & 3:00; Sun. 5:00

#### SUNDAY LECTURE

Women Artists Speaker: Margaret Bouton Curator in Charge of Education National Gallery of Art Auditorium 4:00

**WEEKDAY FILM** — "CIVILISATION," IV Man-The Measure of All Things, 12:30 & 1:30

SUNDAY FILM — "CIVILISATION," V The Hero as Artist, 12:30 & 1:30

#### SUNDAY CONCERT

Beethoven and His Contemporaries National Gallery Orchestra Richard Bales, Conductor East Garden Court 7:00

Inquiries concerning the Gallery's educational services should be addressed to the Educational Office or telephoned to (202) 737-4215, ext. 272.



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| (Samuel H. Kress Collection) Gallery 53           |  |
| Tues. through Sat. 12:00 & 2:00; Sun. 3:30 & 6:00 |  |

MONDAY, October 12, through SUNDAY, October 18

#### TOUR OF THE WEEK

Late Nineteenth-Century French Painting. Rotunda Tues. through Sat. 1:00; Sun. 2:30

#### TOUR

Introduction to the Collection. Rotunda Mon. through Sat. 11:00 & 3:00; Sun. 5:00

#### SUNDAY LECTURE

Mary Cassatt and Degas Guest Speaker: Adelyn D. Breeskin Curator of Contemporary Art National Collection of Fine Arts, Washington Auditorium 4:00

# WEEKDAY FILM — "CIVILISATION," V

The Hero as Artist, 12:30 & 1:30

# SUNDAY FILM — "CIVILISATION," VI

Protest and Communication, 12:30 & 1:30

#### SUNDAY CONCERT

Beethoven and His Contemporaries Zsigmondy Violin-Piano Duo East Garden Court 7:00

All concerts, with intermission talks by members of the National Gallery Staff, are broadcast by Station WGMS-AM (570) and FM (103.5).

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RUBENS. The Meeting of Abraham and Melchizedek (detail)

MONDAY, October 19, through SUNDAY, October 25

#### **\*PAINTING OF THE WEEK**

Rubens. The Meeting of Abraham and Melchizedek (Gift of Syma Busiel) Gallery 41A Tues. through Sat. 12:00 & 2:00; Sun. 3:30 & 6:00

#### TOUR OF THE WEEK

The Mother and Child Theme. Rotunda Tues. through Sat. 1:00; Sun. 2:30

#### TOUR

Introduction to the Collection. Rotunda Mon. through Sat. 11:00 & 3:00; Sun. 5:00

#### SUNDAY LECTURE

The Formation of "Art Galleries" in European Palaces Guest Speaker: Wolfram Prinz Art History Institute Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfort Auditorium 4:00

#### WEEKDAY FILM — "CIVILISATION," VI

Protest and Communication, 12:30 & 1:30

#### **SUNDAY FILM**— "CIVILISATION," VII Grandeur and Obedience, 12:30 & 1:30

#### SUNDAY CONCERT

Beethoven and His Contemporaries Philip Lorenz and Ena Bronstein, Pianists East Garden Court 7:00

For reproductions and slides of the collection, books, and other related publications, self-service rooms are open daily near the Constitution Avenue Entrance.