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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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RUBENS. Daniel in the Lions' Den (detail) Ailsa Mellon Bruce Fund

RUBENS QUADRICENTENNIAL

The year 1977 marks the fourth centennial of the birth of the artist Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640), the great Flemish master. In celebration of his quadricentennial, the National Gallery has rehung six Rubens paintings from the permanent collection in a special installation in gallery 51. On view are Daniel in the Lions' Den, The Meeting of Abraham and Melchizedek, and Deborah Kip, Wife of Sir Balthasar Gerbier, and Her Children, acquired by the Gallery in 1971, among others. The Gallery's life-size portrait of Marchesa Brigida Spinola Doria, painted by Rubens in about 1606, has been lent to major exhibitions in Antwerp, Rubens' hometown, and Cologne.

Two Sunday Lectures in November will be devoted to Rubens. On November 13, *Rubens' Oil Sketches* will be discussed by Julius S. Held, renowned Rubens scholar, and on November 20, Zirka Z. Filipczak, Professor of Art History at Williams College, will speak on *Rubens and His Social Context*. The lectures are given in the Gallery Auditorium at 4 p.m. and are free of charge.

In conjunction with the quadricentennial celebration, the Gallery is announcing the sixth volume of its Kress Foundation Studies in the History of European Art, *The Oil Sketches of Peter Paul Rubens*, by Julius Held. Scheduled to be published by the Princeton University Press in 1978, the book includes about 450 of the artist's oil sketches, presenting for the first time in its totality the body of modelli and oil sketches still extant or known from trustworthy reproductions. Often made in preparation for the artist's larger commissions, Rubens' oil sketches have long been admired for their beauty as well as the insight they permit into the master's creative thought.

GALLERY AND CAFE/BUFFET HOURS

The Gallery is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12 noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. The Café, which features table service and light specialties, is open Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Buffet features coffee service 10 to 11 a.m., full service 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and a fast-food line until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Buffet and Café hours for Sunday are 12 noon to 6 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS

The Gallery's selection of holiday cards is now on sale in the Publications Rooms, located on the ground floor and in the Concourse. Paintings by American impressionists John Twachtman and Childe Hassam and old masters El Greco, Gerard David, Sodoma, and Fra Angelico and Fra Filippo Lippi are among this year's selections, as well as works by printmakers Martin Schongauer and Rembrandt. Also available is a card of the Gallery's festive



ANDREA DELLA ROBBIA. The Adoration of the Child (detail) Samuel H. Kress Collection

poinsettia display on view during the holiday season in the Rotunda. Cards without greeting include six prints of Paris in the 1890s by Toulouse-Lautrec, Cassatt and Vuillard, among others, and six details from the Gallery's cut-out by Matisse, *Les Bêtes de la mer*....

Other gifts available include four different subjects in wrapping paper of textiles from the Index of American Design, a portfolio of six watercolors of Maine and Florida by Winslow Homer, and a 1978 engagement/wall calendar of twelve full-color reproductions by nineteenth- and twentieth-century artists.

The enlarged sales area in the Concourse, open since July 1976, now carries over 900 books of European and American art and art criticism, as well as Gallery exhibition catalogues, postcards and notecards. One of the recent titles now on sale is *A History of Building Types* by Nikolaus Pevsner, which is based on his Andrew W. Mellon Lectures in the Fine Arts given in the spring of 1970. For Sir Nikolaus' contribution to the social history of Europe, particularly the history of art and architecture, he won the Wolfson Literary Award, Britain's most valuable prize for non-fiction, in 1976.

JEFFERSON FILM PREMIERES IN PARIS

The French version of the half-hour film based on the Gallery's major Bicentennial exhibition The Eye of Thomas Jefferson had its European premiere at the American Embassy in Paris on October 4. The English version was first shown to U.S. audiences at the Gallery in July and is now available free of charge through the Gallery's Extension Service to schools, colleges, universities, television stations and civic groups. The French and Spanish versions will be distributed by the Extension Service in the coming year. The film depicts the artistic and intellectual milieu in which Jefferson's eye and imagination developed and shows the contributions he made to his own and the new nation's environment. The film was produced by Charles Guggenheim, under the supervision of W. Howard Adams of the Gallery's staff, who organized the exhibition. The film is narrated in English by actor Richard Kiley.

MONDAY, October 31 through SUNDAY, November 6



INGRES. Madame Moitessier

***PAINTING OF THE WEEK**

Ingres. Madame Moitessier (Samuel H. Kress Collection) Gallery 56 Tues. through Sat. 12:00 & 2:00; Sun. 3:30 & 6:00

TOUR OF THE WEEK

Raphael: Tradition and Innovation. 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

Cézanne and Post-Impressionism Speaker: Henri Dorra Professor of Art History University of California, Santa Barbara Auditorium 4:00

SUNDAY CONCERT

Dorothy Bales, Violinist Allan Sly, Pianist and Harpsichordist East Garden Court 7:00

MONDAY, November 7 through SUNDAY, November 13



CANALETTO. Venice, the Quay of the Piazzetta (detail)

†PAINTING OF THE WEEK

Canaletto. Venice, the Quay of the Piazzetta (Gift of Mrs. Barbara Hutton) Gallery 30 Tues. through Sat. 12:00 & 2:00; Sun. 3:30 & 6:00

TOUR OF THE WEEK

Rubens: Tradition and Innovation. 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

Rubens' Oil Sketches Speaker: Julius S. Held Professor Emeritus of Art History Barnard College, New York Auditorium 4:00

SUNDAY CONCERT

John Young, Pianist East Garden Court 7:00

MONDAY, November 14 through SUNDAY, November 20



SISLEY. The Banks of the Oise (detail)

†PAINTING OF THE WEEK

Sisley. The Banks of the Oise (Chester Dale Collection) Gallery 91 Tues. through Sat. 12:00 & 2:00; Sun. 3:30 & 6:00

TOUR OF THE WEEK

Reynolds: Tradition and Innovation. 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

Rubens and His Social Context Speaker: Zirka Z. Filipczak Professor of Art History Williams College, Williamstown Auditorium 4:00

SUNDAY CONCERT

National Gallery Orchestra Richard Bales, Conductor Alan Mandel, Pianist East Garden Court 7:00

***PAINTING OF THE WEEK**

Cassatt. Girl Arranging Her Hair (Chester Dale Collection) Gallery 86 Tues., Wed., Fri., & Sat. 12:00 & 2:00; Sun. 3:30 & 6:00

Thomas Nast: An American Political Cartoonist

in the Beaux-Arts Tradition Speaker: Albert Boime Professor of Art History State University of New York, Binghamton Auditorium 4:00

Jeanne Grealish, Mezzo Soprano Iane Snow, Pianist East Garden Court 7:00

MONDAY, November 21 through SUNDAY, November 27



CASSATT. Girl Arranging Her Hair

TOUR OF THE WEEK

Renoir: Tradition and Innovation Rotunda Tues., Wed., Fri., & Sat. 1:00; Sun. 2:30

TOUR

Introduction to the Collection. Rotunda Mon. through Sat. 11:00 & 3:00; Sun. 5:00 Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) 11:00, 1:00, & 3:00

SUNDAY LECTURE

SUNDAY CONCERT

Inquiries concerning the Gallery's education services, including special school and group tours, should be addressed to the Education Office or telephoned to (202) 737-4215, ext. 272.