

# National Gallery of Art CALENDAR OF EVENTS *February 1*986

# **FEBRUARY**

# **COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS**

Brief gallery talks on a single work of art. Reproductions of the art discussed may be purchased in the Gallery's sales shops; a written text is available without charge.

Tuesday through Saturday 12:00 p.m. Sunday 2:00 p.m.

# Monday, January 27 through Sunday, February 2

January 28-February 2

Titian The Flaying of Marsyas (On Special Loan from the State Museum in Kroměříz, Czechoslovakia) West Building Lobby A

## February 4-February 9

Monday, February 3

Sunday, February 9

through

Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres Monsieur Marcotte (Samuel H. Kress Collection) West Building Gallery 56

## February 11-February 16

Monday, February 10

Sunday, February 16

through

Henry Fuseli Oedipus Cursing His Son, Polynices (Paul Mellon Collection) West Building Gallery 61

#### February 18-February 23

through

Thomas Dewing Lady with a Lute (Gift of Dr. and West Building

Monday, February 17

Sunday, February 23

Mrs. Walter Timme) Gallery 68



# **SPECIAL TOURS**

Fifty-minute tours on related works of art. Tuesday through Saturday 1:00 p.m. Sunday 5:30 p.m.

# FILMS

Free films on art and feature films related to special exhibitions. Unreserved seats are available on a first-come, first-seated basis.

East Building Auditorium



Rebecca, 1940, to be shown February 7, 8, 9 (Museum of Modern Art/Film Stills Archive)

# January 28-February 2

Animals as Symbolic Emblems in European Art West Building Rotunda

#### January 28-February 2

One Hundred Years of Decoration (The English House, part 4, 30 min.) and Palladio the Architect and His Influence in America (45 min.); Wed., Thurs., Sat. 12:30; Sun. 1:00

Palaces of Reason and Delight (Treasure Houses of Britain, part 2, 58 min.) Tues. through Thurs. 2:00

Pride and Prejudice (directed by Robert Z. Leonard, 1940, 118 min.) Sat. 2:30; Sun. 6:00

#### February 4-February 9

German Expressionist Prints from the Collection of Ruth and Jacob Kainen East Building Ground Floor Lobby

#### February 7-February 9

Rebecca (by Alfred Hitchcock, 1940, 130 min.) Fri. and Sat. 2:30 Sun. 6:00

### February 11-February 16

Sat. 12:30; Sun. 1:00

Recapturing the Past (Treasure Houses of Britain, part 3, 58 min.) Tues. through Thurs. 2:00

The Uninvited (by Lewis Allen, 1944, 98 min.) and Kitty (by Mitchell Leisen, 1945, 104 min.) Fri. and Sat. 2:30 Sun. 6:00

## February 18-February 23

Old Master Paintings from British Collections in the National Gallery of Art West Building Rotunda

#### February 18-February 23

Technical Developments (The English House, part 6, 30 min.) and Every Day Except Christmas (37 min.) Wed. through Sat. 12:30

Building for Eternity (Treasure Houses of Britain, part 1, 58 min.); Tues. through Thurs. 2:00

The Importance of Being Earnest (by Anthony Asquith, 1952, 95 min.) and Blithe Spirit (by David Lean, 1945, 96 min.) Fri. and Sat. 2:30



The Importance of Being Earnest, 1952, to be shown February 21 and 22 (Museum of Modern Art/Film Stills Archive)

# SUNDAY LECTURES

Free lectures by distinguished visiting scholars. No registration needed but seating is limited.

Sunday 4:00 p.m. East Building Auditorium

# February 2

The Englishman on the Grand Tour in the Eighteenth Century

Sir Brinsley Ford

#### February 9

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And They All Came Tumbling Down: The Demolition of the Great Country Houses in Britain, 1870-1970

### February 16

What Is an Impressionist Painting Really About?

Kermit S. Champa Professor of History of Art

#### February 23

A Family Reunion: Correspondences between British Country House Treasures and the National Gallery's Collection

# February 11-February 16 "Loves Labors Lost:"

Scenes of Ill-Fated Romance West Building Rotunda

Possessions (The English House, part 5, 30 min.) and Lacock Abbey, Wiltshire (30 min.); Wed. through

#### O.B.E., F.S.A. London

February 2

John Harris Director, Royal Institute of British Architects London

Brown University Providence

William J. Williams Lecturer National Gallery of Art

# SUNDAY CONCERTS

44th Season of the National Gallery Concerts Free concerts by the National Gallery Orchestra, recitalists, and ensembles. Unreserved seats available from 6:00 p.m. All concerts are broadcast live on WGMS 570 AM and 103.5 FM.

Sunday 7:00 p.m. West Building, West Garden Court Daisy Jackson, Soprano

Music of Handel, Wolf, Debussy, Moore, R.V. Williams, Johnson, Boatner, and Dett

West Building, West Garden Court National Gallery Orchestra George Manos, Conductor

Music of Handel, Haydn, Fauré, and Vlahopoulos

West Building, West Garden Court Lily New, Pianist Music of Scarlatti, Tscherepnin, Ma shui-Long,

February 16

and Liszt

West Building,

West Garden Court

Linda Mabbs, Soprano

February 23

Music of Berg, Dowland, Argento, Fauré, Mozart, Debussy, and Obradors

West Building, West Garden Court

# National Gallery of Art

# **SPECIAL LOANS**

# Titian The Flaying of Marsyas

Through April 13, 1986 Lobby A, West Building

Titian's masterpiece, The Flaying of Marsyas, is on special loan from the State Museum in Kroměříz, Czechoslovakia. The painting depicts with horrific eloquence the Greek myth of Apollo and Marsyas. The god Apollo is stripping the skin from the live satyr, Marsyas, who has lost to Apollo in a music-making contest. The painting is a work of Titian's later years, painted sometime between 1570 and his death in 1576, when Titian was in his late eighties. Until its recent showing in London, the painting had not been seen outside Czechoslovakia since the 17th century.

# Willem van de Velde Ships in a Stormy Sea

On loan from the Toledo Museum of Art, Ohio Through mid-May, 1986 Gallery 50 Main Floor, West Building

This large canvas, typical of the dramatic marine paintings common in Dutch art, is a masterpiece by the Dutch 17th-century painter Willem van de Velde (1633-1707).

# **Family Programs**

The Education Department will continue its popular programs for families with children ages six to twelve. All Saturday mornings in February will feature The New Painting: Impressionism 1874-1886. The programs, which are free, and last approximately 11/2 hours, will begin in the West Building Lecture Hall at 10:00 a.m. Advance registration is required; call 202/842-6249 for reservations. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

# **Foreign Language Tours**

Regularly scheduled foreign language tours of the West Building are offered on Tuesdays at noon beginning in the West Building Rotunda. The February schedule is as follows:

February 4: French February II: Spanish February 18: German February 25: Italian

Groups wishing to schedule tours in these or other foreign languages can make an appointment by calling the Education Department at 202/842-6249. Dutch, Hebrew, Portuguese, Greek, and Chinese are some of the many languages available.

# INTRODUCTORY TOURS

Introduction to the East Building Collections

Saturday II:00 a.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. only East Building, Ground Floor Lobby

# **Henry Moore**

**Reclining Connected Forms**, 1969 **Reclining Figure: Angles. 1979 Reclining Figure: Hand, 1979** 

On loan from George and Virginia Ablah Pennsylvania Avenue side of the East Building

These three works are part of one of the greatest collections of Henry Moore sculptures in the world. They have been installed at the Gallery in an open-air garden especially created for them, consisting of holly, Japanese maple, dogwood, euonymus, and grass, on the visitor's route to The Treasure Houses of Britain exhibition.



Henry Moore, Reclining Figure: Hand, 1979; Reclining Connected Forms, 1969; Reclining Figure: Angles, 1979 The George and Virginia Ablah Collection

# **Special Course** Impressionism:

# A New Way of Seeing

This six-week series of free slide lectures is offered in conjunction with the exhibition, The New Painting: Impressionism 1874-1886. The course will explore the innovative methods of painters such as Monet, Degas, Seurat, and Cézanne, and present the context in which their paintings were created and viewed. The lectures are given on Saturdays at II:00 a.m. and repeated on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. in the East Building Auditorium. No reservations are required, but space is limited.

February 8, II:	Antecedents
February 15, 18:	The Salon and
	Its "Refusés"
February 22, 25:	The Celebration of
	Modern Life
March 1, 4:	The New Landscape
March 8, 11:	The Scientific Muse
March 15, 18:	The Impressionist Legacy

# Sunday Concerts

For the duration of the exhibition The New Painting: Impressionism 1874-1886, the Sunday Evening Concerts will be held in the West Garden Court of the West Building. The programs, presented at 7:00 p.m. every Sunday, are free of charge.

Introduction to the West Building Collections

Mon. through Sat. 3:00 p.m. Sun. 5:00 p.m. West Building, Rotunda

# **NEW ACQUISITION**

# Rubens Peale with a Geranium, 1801 Rembrandt Peale, 1778-1860

American Galleries 60A Main Floor, West Building

Purchased at auction in New York on December 5, 1985, Rubens Peale with a Geranium by Rembrandt Peale is the first acquisition to be made by the Gallery with the income from its new Patrons' Permanent Fund. That fund, the fruit of a nationwide fund-raising campaign, now exceeds \$55 million.

This important American painting is Rembrandt Peale's masterpiece. It is a sensitive portrayal of the artist's younger brother, Rubens, who is credited with cultivating the first geranium in America. Thus, the portrait stands as a compelling record of both artistic and scientific achievement.

# **CONTINUING EXHIBITION**

# The New Painting: Impressionism 1874-1886

Through April 6, 1986 New 19th-Century Galleries Main Floor, West Building

Commemorating the one-hundredth anniversary of the last of eight exhibitions held by the impressionist painters from 1874 through 1886, a selection of 150 paintings of exceptional quality remains on view in the new 19th-century galleries in the West Building, Main Floor. Included in this exhibition are works by Monet, Degas, Renoir, Cézanne, Pissarro, Sisley, Cassatt, Morisot, Redon, Seurat, Gauguin, and Caillebotte. The New Painting reevaluates the evolution of the impressionist movement and its impact on the development of the modern vision. Charles S. Moffett, curator-in-charge of painting for The Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, is curator of the exhibition. The New Painting has been made possible by AT&T.

For recorded information on the exhibition, call 202/842-6699.

# **Pass System**

Admission to the exhibition is by free pass obtained at the exhibition desk in the East Garden Court of the National Gallery's West Building. Passes are distributed on a firstcome, first-served basis, for the same day only. Once in the exhibition, visitors may view it at their own pace.

Through the courtesy of AT&T, passes may be booked in advance free of service charge through TicketCenter. For information on the TicketCenter outlet nearest you, or to order passes, call:

Washington: 202/432-0200 Baltimore: 301/792-4001 Richmond: 804/780-3777 A toll-free number serving New York and its suburbs, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Virginia, is also available: 800/448-9009.

# **Group Reservations**

Groups of 20 or more may reserve passes in advance by mail. Since these passes permit entry on the half-hour (II:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and I:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. on Sundays), please specify the time you would like to come, as well as the date and the number in your group. Please include alternative times and dates. Address your requests to:

Impressionism Group Reservations National Gallery of Art Washington, D.C. 20565



Gustave Caillebotte, Young Man at His Window Private Collection

You must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for confirmation. We cannot make changes in a reservation once it is confirmed We can accept cancellations only.

# Introductory Slide Lecture

Throughout the month of February, the National Gallery of Art continues to offer a free, 30-minute orientation slide lecture on The New Painting: Impressionism 1874-1886. It is given Monday through Friday at II:00 a.m. in the Lecture Hall on the Ground Floor of the West Building. Seating is limited each day to a maximum of 100 people. No advance registration is necessary

The New Painting slide lecture will not be given February 3-7.

# **Exhibition Catalogue**

All of the paintings in the exhibition are illustrated in color in the catalogue, The New Painting: Impressionism 1874-1886, available for \$19.95 both in the sales areas of the National Gallery and through the Publications Service mail order division. Please include an additional \$2.00 to cover shipping costs. Checks should made payable to the Publications Service.

## **Recorded Tour**

A recorded tour narrated by J. Carter Brown, Director of the National Gallery, is available at a nominal cost. Special rates for groups may be arranged by calling 202/842-6592.

# The Treasure Houses of Britain: **Five Hundred Years of Private Patronage and Art Collecting**

Through March 16, 1986 Mezzanine and Upper Levels East Building

This exhibition, the most complex ever undertaken by the National Gallery of Art, traces the British country house tradition of art collecting over 500 years. It remains on view on the Mezzanine and Upper Levels of the East Building.

The works on loan include paintings by Rubens, Van Dyck, Holbein, Velasquez, Canaletto, Hogarth, Gainsborough, and Sargent; sculpture by Praxiteles, Canova, Flaxman, and Henry Moore; furniture by Boulle, Kent, and Chippendale; Meissen, Sèvres, and Chelsea, as well as Chinese porcelain; and examples of tapestries, armor, jewelry, silver, and other decorative arts.

The installation, designed together with guest curator Gervase Jackson-Stops, Gaillard Ravenel, and Mark Leithauser, is evocative of the settings from which the objects have come - the British country house. The exhibition has been made possible by Ford Motor Company.

The exhibition catalogue, illustrated with more than 700 colorplates, is available through the Publications Service in soft cover (\$24.95) or in hard cover (\$60.00). If ordering by mail, please include a \$2.00 shipping charge in a check or money order made payable to the Publications Service.

### **Extended Hours**

Hours for The Treasure Houses of Britain only, have been extended to 7:00 p.m. daily. Sunday hours remain the same, noon to 9:00 p.m. For recorded information on the exhibition, call 202/842-6672.

#### **Pass System**

Admission to The Treasure Houses of Britain is by free pass, timed to the half hour, which can be obtained on the day of entry at the pass desk located on the Ground Floor of the East Building.



Looking through the far door of the Jacobean Long Gallery to the trompe l'oeil painting by Samuel van Hoogstraeten, A View, Down a Corridor, from Dyrham Park (The National Trust, Blathwayt Collection)

Reservations can be made by sending a written request at least three weeks in advance to:

**THB** Reservations **Education** Department National Gallery of Art Washington, D.C. 20565

Please specify the preferred date and time, alternate dates and times, and include a selfaddressed, stamped envelope so that you can receive confirmation of your reservation.

Groups of twenty or more may reserve passes in advance by writing to the above address.

A number of passes will also be maintained at the pass desk each day for visitors without advance reservations.

#### **Recorded Tours**

Two different recorded tours, "Highlights" and "An Inside View," narrated by J. Carter Brown, Director of the National Gallery, are available at a nominal cost. Special rates for groups may be arranged by calling 202/842-6592.

# **CLOSING EXHIBITION**



Otto Dix, Lady in a Feathered Hat, 1923 Collection of Ruth and Jacob Kainen

# **German Expressionist Prints** from the Collection of Ruth and Jacob Kainen

Through February 9, 1986 Ground Floor East Building

On view on the Ground Floor of the East Building, this exhibition of 90 German Expressionist prints from the private collection of Ruth and Jacob Kainen represents a cross-section of prints made in Germany during the first part of the 20th century. Works by Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, a leader of Die Brücke-an organization of artists founded in Dresden in 1905 – are the focal point of this outstanding print collection.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART Washington, D.C. 20565

The telephone number for general information is 202/737-4215. To change your mailing address for the calendar of events, please mail a copy of your new o address to the Information Office, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. 20565, taking care to include the mailing label from your last Calendar of Events.

#### **GALLERY HOURS:**

Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. East Building open Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Gallery is located between 3rd and 7th Streets, N.W., on Constitution Avenue. The East and West Buildings are connected by an all-weather underground passage with a moving walkway. Entrances to the West Building are on the Mall, on 7th Street, on Constitution Avenue at 6th Street, which has a ramp for the handicapped, and off 4th Street. The entrance to the East Building is on 4th Street off National Gallery Plaza and also has a ramp for the handicapped.

#### RESTAURANTS

Four restaurants offer luncheon and light snacks throughout the year. Monday through Saturday, hours of operation are:

 Terrace Café:
 11:00 to 5:00

 Café/Buffet:
 10:00 to 5:00

 Cascade Café:
 11:00 to 3:30

 Garden Café:
 11:00 to 4:30

Sunday hours are 12 noon to 7:00 p.m. for the Terrace Café, Café/Buffet, and Garden Café; 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. for the Cascade Café.

COVER: Rembrandt Peale, *Rubens Peale with a Geranium*, 1801 National Gallery of Art, Patrons' Permanent Fund