exhibitions

OPENING EXHIBITION

James McNeill Whistler

May 28 through August 20, 1995 West Building, main floor galleries 72 through 79

The most important gathering of art by renowned American expatriate James McNeill Whistler since the memorial exhibitions of his work in 1904–1905 will come to the National Gallery of Art, Washington, after critically acclaimed show-

James McNeill Whistler, Harmony in Gray and Green: Miss Cicely Alexander, 1872, Tate Gallery, Bequeathed by W. C. Alexander, 1932

ings in London and Paris. The National Gallery of Art is the only U.S. venue for the exhibition. This historic presentation of 200 paintings, watercolors, pastels, and prints from public and private collections on both sides of the Atlantic will illustrate why Whistler was one of the most influential figures in the visual arts of the late nineteenth century.

The exhibition surveys every aspect of Whistler's career: his early realistic seascapes and genre scenes, innovative experiments with Japanese motifs of the mid-1880s, beautifully restrained and elegant portraits of the early 1870s, decorative designs associated with the rise of the aesthetic movement, the famous nocturnes and Venetian pastels, and intimate sketches of shop fronts, seascapes, and female nudes of the 1880s and 1890s. Among the paintings in the show are Nocturne in Black and Gold: The Falling Rocket (1875), which nineteenth-century artist and critic John Ruskin derided as "a pot of paint" flung in the public's face, and Arrangement in Gray and Black: Portrait of the Painter's Mother (1871), perhaps the best-known American portrait.

James McNeill Whistler is organized as a collaboration of the Tate Gallery, London; the Réunion des musées nationaux, Paris, and the Musée d'Orsay, Paris; and the National Gallery of Art, Washington.

The exhibition is made possible by a generous grant from NYNEX Foundation. It is also supported by an indemnity from the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities.





James McNeill Whistler, *Canal, San Cassiano*, c. 1879–1880, Westmoreland Museum of Art, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, William A. Coulter Fund

James McNeill Whistler, *Nocturne in Black and Gold: The Falling Rocket,* 1875,

The Detroit Institute of Arts, Gift of

Dexter M. Ferry, Jr.

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UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

The Touch of the **Artist: Master Draw**ings from the Woodner Family Collection

October 1, 1995, through January 28, 1996

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October 8 through December 31, 1995

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October 11, 1995, through January 7, 1996

Winslow Homer

October 15, 1995, through January 28, 1996

Johannes Vermeer

November 12, 1995, through February 11, 1996

Publications

Exhibition Catalogues

Arshile Gorky: The Breakthrough Years \$29.95 (softbound) \$45.00 (hardbound)

James McNeill Whistler \$29.95 (softbound) \$75.00 (hardbound)

Claes Oldenburg: An Anthology \$39.95 (softbound)

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Arshile Gorky, The Betrothal I, 1947, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, The Rita and Taft Schreiber Collection; Given in loving memory of her

husband, Taft Schreiber, by Rita Schreiber

Arshile Gorky, Virginia Landscape, 1944, National Gallery of Art, Gift (Partial and Promised) of Mrs. Walter Salant in Honor of the 50th Anniversary of the National Gallery of Art

OPENING EXHIBITION

Arshile Gorky: The Breakthrough Years

May 7 through September 17, 1995

The first exhibition to examine in depth the mature work of the Armenian-born American painter Arshile Gorky (1904-1948) contains approximately 40 paintings and drawings. The show, which documents Gorky's pivotal role as a link between European surrealism and American abstract expressionism, opens with a painting from his famous series Garden in Sochi (1940–1943). Other important works include the Tate Gallery's Waterfall (1942) and the National Gallery of Art's One Year the Milkweed (1944), which demonstrates how Gorky translated surrealistic biomorphism into a personal idiom of hybrid forms that he described through rich veils of luminous color. Among the highlights will be The Liver Is the Cock's Comb (1944), Gorky's large, magisterial painting from the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, which is rarely allowed to travel. A number of key drawings will trace Gorky's complex working methods throughout the 1940s.

The exhibition is organized by the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth in cooperation with the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, and the National Gallery of Art, Washington.

The exhibition and catalogue are supported by a grant from The Henry Luce Foundation, with additional funding from the T. J. Brown and C. A. Lupton Foundation, Fort Worth.





CONTINUING EXHIBITION

Imitation and Invention: Old Master Prints and Their Sources

Through August 6, 1995 East Building, ground level

Focusing on the National Gallery of Art's superb collection of graphic art, this exhibition of sixty-four works illuminates the fascinating variety of visual influences from the fifteenth through the seven-

Albrecht Dürer, Saint Jerome by the Pollard Willow, 1512, National Gallery of Art, Rosenwald Collection

teenth century. Well-known prints along with the prints that inspired them and others that they in turn inspired are brought together. The exhibition begins with the many aspects of borrowing from early fifteenth- and sixteenth-century sources and ends by highlighting the work of Rembrandt, one of the most innovative adapters of earlier print sources. Major works by such revered artists as Albrecht Dürer, Andrea Mantegna, and Jacques Callot are included.

Restaurant Highlights (See hours on page 7)

Terrace Café

Come to the Terrace Café for a light, quick lunch overlooking the Mall and the Calder mobile. For reservations call (202) 789-3201

Café/Buffet

Enjoy a continental breakfast served Monday-Saturday, 10:00 to 11:00, and Sunday, 11:00 to 12:00 or come for lunch after 11:00.

Garden Café

Pastries and gourmet coffee are served Monday-Saturday, 10:00 to 11:15. "Pasta Made-to-Order" is featured Sundays before concerts, 4:00 to 6:30. For reservations call (202) 789-3202.

Cascade Espresso Bar

Take an afternoon break next to the cascade fountain. Choose from gourmet coffee, espresso, or cappuccino, and other refreshments, plus an array of desserts and light dishes.

Gallery Shops

Mother's Day and graduations are just around the corner. Remember the special people in your life with exquisitely crafted jewelry from the Gallery Shops. Starting at \$12.00, the pins, necklaces, earrings, bracelets, cuff links, and other items are adapted from designs, jewelry, and clothing ornamentation in works of art from the National Gallery of Art's collection.



CLOSING EXHIBITION

East Building, mezzanine and upper levels The first major exhibition since

1969 to survey the art of Claes Oldenburg closes this month. Approximately 200 of the most important collages, drawings, and sculpture from 1958 to the present document the career of this versatile and remarkably prolific artist.

On display are examples of his well-known "hard," "soft," and "ghost" sculptures of food and household objects, such as an icecream cone, light switch, and

Claes Oldenburg, The White Slip, 1961, Collection of Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, Gift of Howard and Jean Lipman



ate new forms and infuses the commonplace with life, wit, and alternative meanings. Many of his soft sculptures allude to organic, often anthropomorphic forms such as the Soft Switches (1964) or the Soft Drainpipe—Red Hot Version (1967). Special features of the installation are two large-scale works: the twenty-four-foot-tall *Lipstick* (Ascending) on Caterpillar Tracks,

originally made for Yale University

in 1969 (reconstructed in 1974),

fans-each on a giant scale. Olden-

burg focuses on the metamorphic

potential of familiar objects to cre-

and Knife Ship I, a forty-foot-long sculpture in the form of a Swiss Army knife, that was the centerpiece of the performance, "Il Corso del Coltello" (The Course of the Knife), given in Venice in 1985.

The exhibition is organized by the National Gallery and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, and presented in association with the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; Kunst- und Ausstellungshalle der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Bonn; and the Hayward Gallery, London.

Claes Oldenburg, Giant Soft Drum Set, 1967, Collection of Kimiko and

calendar

MAY

2	TUESDAY
12:00	Gallery Talk: "Lucretia
	Threatened by Tarquin'

Giuseppe Maria Crespi (wb) 2:00 Gallery Talk: Imitation and Invention: Old Master Prints and Their Sources

3 WEDNESDAY

Renaissance Lecture: Sculpture in Renaissance Italy (eha)

2:00 Gallery Talk: Mary Cassatt, 1844-1926 (wb)



Arshile Gorky, The Beginning, 1947, Israel Museum Collection, Gift of Mrs. H. Gates Lloyd, Haverford, Pennsylvania

4 THURSDAY

12:00 Gallery Talk: Imitation and Invention: Old Master Prints and Their Sources

1:00 Gallery Talk: Introducing Art: Subjects from Mythol-

5 FRIDAY

12:00 Gallery Talk: Mary Cassatt, 1844-1926 (wb) Gallery Talk: Introducing Art: Subjects from Mythology (wb)

6 SATURDAY

Renaissance Lecture: Sculpture in Renaissance Italy (eba)

12:00 Gallery Talk: "Lucretia Threatened by Tarquin" by Giuseppe Maria Crespi (wb)

12:00 Gallery Talk: "Lucretia Threatened by Tarquin" by Giuseppe Maria Crespi (wb) Film: Dorothea Lange:

1:00 Gallery Talk: Looking Back

Murillo (wb)

7 SUNDAY

00v (wb)

at "Two Women at a Win-

dow" by Bartolomé Esteban

Film: Lonesome (with live

musical accompaniment—

doors open at 5:30) (eba)

Gallery Talk: "Lucretia

Threatened by Tarquin" by

Giuseppe Maria Crespi (wb)

Film: Picture of Light (eba)

Gallery Talk: Introducing

Art: Subjects from Mythol-

Mellon Lecture: Mono

Style Matrix (eba)

7:00 Concert: National Gallery

TUESDAY

Murillo (wh)

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10 WEDNESDAY

11 THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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12:00 Gallery Talk: "Lucretia

1:00 Gallery Talk: "The Sacrament of the Last Supper'

12:00 Gallery Talk: Introducing

1:00 Gallery Talk: The Good

European Art (wb)

by Salvador Dalí (wb)

Art: Subjects from Mythol-

Mother Theme in Later

chrome, History, and the

Vocal Arts Ensemble (wbgc)

Gallery Talk: Nineteenth-

Century French Painting

at "Two Women at a Win-

dow" by Bartolomé Esteban

Gallery Talk: Introducing

Art: Subjects from Mythol-

Threatened by Tarquin" by

Giuseppe Maria Crespi (wb)

1:00 Gallery Talk: Looking Back

A Visual Life (eba) 1:00 Gallery Talk: The Good Mother Theme in Later European Art (wb)

13 SATURDAY 12:00 Gallery Talk: Nineteenth-Century French Painting

1:00 Special Program: Perspectives on the Permanent Collections (eba)

SUNDAY

Gallery Talk: Nineteenth-Century French Painting

1:00 Film: Dorothea Lange: A Visual Life (eba)

1:00 **Gallery Talk:** Looking Back at "Two Women at a Window" by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (wh)

2:00 Gallery Talk: The Good Mother Theme in Later European Art (wb)

4:00 Sunday Lecture: Lautrec, Lender, and the Elles Series 6:00 Film: Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision (eba) Concert: The Uptown

String Ouartet (wbgc)

16 TUESDAY

Gallery Talk: Renaissance olica: Part II (wb) Gallery Talk: "The Sacra ment of the Last Supper" by Salvador Dalí (wb) 2:00 Gallery Talk: The Good Mother Theme in Later European Art (wb)

17 WEDNESDAY

Renaissance Lecture: Painting in Venice in the Sixteenth Century (eba) Gallery Talk: Nineteenth-Century French Painting

(wb) 12:30 Film: Arshile Gorky (eba)

THURSDAY

Gallery Talk: The Good Mother Theme in Later European Art (wb) 12:30 Film: Arshile Gorky (eba)

FRIDAY

Gallery Talk: Nineteenth-Century French Painting

12:30 Film: Arshile Gorky (eba)

20 SATURDAY

Renaissance Lecture: Painting in Venice in the Sixteenth Century (eba) 12:30 Film: Marius (eba) 3:00 Film: Fanny (eba)

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SUNDAY Film: César (eba) Sunday Lecture: The Royal Image: 1485—1995 (eba) 6:00 Film: Angèle (eba) 7:00 Concert: Ramon Salvatore

(wbac)

23 TUESDAY

12:00 Gallery Talk: "Whitechapel Slate Circle" by Richard Long (eb)

1:00 Gallery Talk: "The Sacrament of the Last Supper by Salvador Dalí (wb)

24 WEDNESDAY

Gallery Talk: Renaissance Majolica: Part II (wb) Film: Franz Kline Remembered (eha)

1:00 Gallery Talk: Home and Tavern in Netherlandish Painting (wb)

25 THURSDAY

12:30 Film: Franz Kline Remembered (eba)

1:00 Gallery Talk: Paul Cézanne, 1839-1906 (wb)

26 FRIDAY

12:00 Gallery Talk: Renaissance Majolica: Part II (wb) Film: Franz Kline Remembered (eba) 1:00 Gallery Talk: Paul Cézanne, 1839-1906 (wb)

27 SATURDAY

3:15 Film: Ugolin (eba)

Long (eb)

Cézanne, 1830-1006 (wb)

4:00 Sunday Lecture: Whistler

7:00 Concert: National Gallery

Orchestra (whac)

3:00 Film: Maya Lin: A Strong

Clear Vision (eba)

12:00 Gallery Talk: Imitation

2:00 Gallery Talk: Paul

31 WEDNESDAY

and Invention: Old Master

Prints and Their Sources

Gallery Talk: Dada and

Surrealist Landscape (eb)

Cézanne, 1830-1006 (wb)

Gallery Talk: "Whitechapel

Slate Circle" by Richard

Film: Paul Bowles: The

Complete Outsider (eba)

Gallery Talk: Home and

Tavern in Netherlandish

See listings under Guided

Tours for daily tours of the

collections and foreign

language tours.

Painting (wb)

MONDAY

30 TUESDAY

6:00 Film: The Baker's Wife

28 SUNDAY

12:00 Gallery Talk: "Whitechapel A two-day public symposium Slate Circle" by Richard jointly sponsored by the Nationa Long (eb) Gallery of Art and the National 1:00 Film: Manon des sources Portrait Gallery on the life and

Part I: Whistler and His World

National Portrait Gallery 12:00 Gallery Talk: "Whitechapel Friday, June 2 Slate Circle" by Richard 10:15 am-5:00 pm 1:00 Film: Harvest (eba) Reservations are required Gallery Talk: Paul (202) 357-2920, ext. 2

> Topics will include Whistler's relationship to photography, Japanese art, interior decoration, and exhibition design as well as his connection to contemporary artists and illustrators.

Whistler Symposium

art of James McNeill Whistler.

Part II: Whistler: Paintings, Prints, and Drawings

National Gallery of Art Saturday, June 3 10:15 am-5:00 pm East Building auditorium No reservations are required. Limited seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

10:15 Moderator: Nicolai Cikovsky, Ir., curator of American and British paintings, National Gallery of Art, and co-curator of the exhibition

An Introduction to the Exhibition Richard Dorment, art critic, Daily Telegraph, London, and co-curator of the exhibition

Whistler: Flesh, Fabric, and Façades—The Pastels Robert Getscher, professor of art history and humanities. John Carroll University

Whistler and Women: The Cult of Aesthetic Languor Susan Casteras, curator of painting and sculpture, Yale Center for British Art

12:30 Intermission

2:00 Moderator: Ruth E. Fine, curator of modern prints and drawings, National Gallery of Art

Whistler Crossing the Line Margaret MacDonald, research fellow, Centre for Whistler Studies, Glasgow University, and co-curator of the exhibition

Whistler and the Humanity of Art: Lessons from the Académie Carmen Nigel Thorp, director, Centre for Whistler Studies, Glasgow University

The Ten O'Clock Lecture Performed by James Heard, artist and historian, London

Gallery Talks

programs

Talks are given by education division lecturers and National Gallery of Art staff. Unless otherwise noted, talks begin in either the Rotunda of the West Building (wb) or at the ground floor art information desk in the East Building (eb).

Gallery talks are divided into four categories:

Focus: The Permanent Collection includes traditional theme-based tours of objects in the National Gallery of Art's collections.

Special Exhibitions discusses works of art on view in temporary exhibi-

Introducing Art is designed for beginners, as an approach to understanding the language, techniques, and subjects of the visual arts.

Curators, Conservators, and Other Specialists presents the expertise of National Gallery of Art staff on a regular basis.

Focus: The Permanent

"Lucretia Threatened by Tarquin" by Giuseppe Maria Crespi (Samuel H. Kress Collection) (20 minutes). J. Russell Sale, lecturer. May 2, 6, 7, 10, and 12 at noon (wb)

Mary Cassatt, 1844-1926 (45 minutes). Eric Denker, lecturer. May 3 at 2:00 and May 5 at noon (wb)

Looking Back at "Two Women at a Window" by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (Widener Collection) (20 minutes). Alicia Walker, intern, department of baroque painting. May 6, 9, and 14 at 1:00 (wb)

Nineteenth-Century French Painting (50 minutes). Robin Thorne Ptacek, lecturer. May 9, 13 14, 17, and 19 at noon (wb)

"The Sacrament of the Last Supper by Salvador Dalí (Chester Dale Collection) (20 minutes). Eileen Patricia McKiernan Gonzàlez, intern, departments of twentiethcentury art and modern prints and drawings. May 10, 16, and 23

European Art (30 minutes). Robin Thorne Ptacek, lecturer. May 11 and 12 at 1:00; May 14 and 16 at 2:00; and May 18 at noon (wb)

The Good Mother Theme in Later



May 23, 27, 28, 31, and June 2 at noon (eb) Paul Cézanne, 1839-1906 (60 min-

utes). Robin Thorne Ptacek, lecturer. May 25 and 26 at 1:00; May 28 and 30 at 2:00; and June 1 at noon (wh)

Robin Thorne Ptacek, lecturer.

Special Exhibitions

Imitation and Invention: Old Master Prints and Their Sources (50 minutes). Eric Denker or J. Russell Sale, lecturers. May 2 at 2:00 and May 4 and 30 at noon (eb)

Introducing Art

Subjects from Mythology (50 minutes). J. Russell Sale, lecturer. May 4 and 5 at 1:00; May 7 and 9 at 2:00; and May II at noon (wb)

Curators, Conservators, and Other Specialists

Renaissance Majolica: Part II (60 minutes). Faya Causey, acting coordinator of academic programs May 16, 24, and 26 at noon (wb)

Home and Tavern in Netherlandish Painting (50 minutes). Mariet Westermann, David E. Finley Fellow. May 24 and 31 at 1:00 (wb)

Dada and Surrealist Landscape (50 minutes). Kathryn Smith, Mary Davis Fellow. May 30 at 1:00 (eb)



Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, Two Womer at a Window, c. 1655/1660, National Gallery of Art, Widener Collection

Lectures

Special Lecture Series

Renaissance Art in Italy: Painting, Sculpture, and Printmaking

Wednesdays and Saturdays 10:15 East Building auditorium

This series, which began in March, presents an overview of art in Italy n the fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth centuries, an era marked by political, social, and economic change that contributed to unprecedented ferment and creativity in the arts. The six-part series surveys painting, sculpture, and printmak ing in the major art centers of Renaissance Italy.

MAY 3 AND 6 Sculpture in Renaissance Italy Douglas Lewis, curator of sculpture and decorative arts, National Gallery of Art

MAY 17 AND 20 Painting in Venice in the Sixteenth Frances Feldman, lecturer, National Gallery of Art

1995 Andrew W. Mellon Lectures in the Fine Arts

Contemporary Art and the Pale of History

Arthur C. Danto, Columbia University Sundays at 4:00 East Building audiorium

continued from April

Monochrome, History, and the Style Matrix

A book signing will directly follow the lecture

Sunday Lectures

Lectures are given by National Gallery of Art staff and distinguished scholars at 4:00 in the East Building auditorium

MAY 14 Lautrec, Lender, and the Elles Series Florence Coman, assistant curator of French painting, National Gallery of Art

MAY 21 The Royal Image: 1485–1995

John Cooper, head of education, National Portrait Gallery, London MAY 28 Whistler in Crisis

fellow, Centre for Whistler Studies, Glasgow University A book signing will directly follow

Margaret MacDonald, research

Video Presentation

James McNeill Whistler: The Lyrics of Art

the lecture

This 15-minute program, produced by the National Gallery of Art, focuses on the life and work of this provocative painter, printmaker, and personality.

The program is shown continuously adjacent to the exhibition. An open-captioned version is screened regularly on weekends in the East Building small auditorium, schedule subject to change, and by appointment on weekdays. Call (202) 842-6247.

The video presentation is supported in part by the International Corporate Circle of the National Gallery of Art.

Legend

eb East Building, ground level art information desk

wb West Building Rotunda wbgc West Building,

Garden Court

eba East Building auditorium

programs



Elisabeth Vigée-Lebrun, The Marquise de Peze and the Marquise de Rouget with Her Two Children, 1787, National Gallery of Art, Gift of the Bay Foundation in memory of Josephine Bay Paul and Ambassador Charles Ulrick Bay

Music at the Gallery

Sunday Concert Series

Concerts take place at 7:00 Sunday evenings through June 25 and are open to the public, free of charge. Concertgoers are admitted to the West Garden Court on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 6:00. The 6th Street and Constitution Avenue entrance to the West Building remains open for those arriving between 6:00 and 7:00, and the Garden Café is open until 6:30. Concerts are broadcast four weeks after the performance on Sunday evenings at 7:00 on radio station WGTS 91.9-FM. For further information, call (202) 842-6941.

The 52nd American Music Festival continues through May 21.

M A Y 7 National Gallery Vocal Arts Ensemble Music by Ives, Gershwin, Lauridsen, and other American composers

The Uptown String Quartet
Diane Monroe, violin, Lesa Terry,
violin, Maxine Roach, viola

MAY 14

violin, Maxine Roach, viola, and Eileen Folson, cello
Jazz concert

MAY 21 Ramon Salvatore, *piano* Music of Aaron Copland

MAY 28
National Gallery Orchestra,
George Manos, conductor
Honoring the exhibition
James McNeill Whistler
Music by Fauré, Delius,
and Debussy

Special Program

Perspectives on the Permanent Collection

Saturday, May 13 East Building auditorium 1:00–5:00

Four distinguished scholars who have published extensively on feminism and art history will participate in an afternoon program focusing on works in the National Gallery of Art's permanent collection. No reservations are required. Limited seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mary Cassatt: The Artist and Her Contemporaries Linda Nochlin, Lila Acheson Wallace Professor of Modern Art, Institute of Fine Arts, New York University

The Girl Warrior: Tiepolo's "Zenobia" and Its Classical Antecedents
Natalie Boymel Kampen,
professor and chair, women's
studies department, and professor
of art history, Barnard College,
Columbia University

Ladies in Satin, Gentlemen in Satin. Ter Borch's "The Suitor's Visit" and van Dyck's "Portrait of Philip Wharton"

Alison Kettering, professor of art history, Carleton College

Putting Women into the Picture: Renaissance Italy Sheila ffolliott, associate professor of art history, George Mason University

Family Program

Meet the Artist: James McNeill Whistler

Tour the exhibition and create a work of art with Whistler, impersonated by James Heard, artist and historian, London. Saturday, June 3, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, for children ages six through ten.

This program is designed for children with an accompanying parent. All programs are free, but space is limited. Please register by calling (202) 789–3030.

Guided Tours

Introductory Tours

Introduction: The West Building Collection Monday-Saturday 10:30* and 12:30 Sunday 12:30 and 4:30 West Building Rotunda * (no 10:30 tours on Wednesdays and Saturdays)

Introduction: The East Building Collection Monday-Saturday II:30* and I:30 Sunday II:30, I:30, and 3:30 East Building art information desk * (no II:30 tours on Wednesdays and Saturdays)

Introduction: The American Collection Monday-Sunday 2:30 West Building Rotunda

Foreign Language Tours

Foreign language tours of the permanent collection are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tours of the West Building are at noon and begin in the Rotunda. Tours of the East Building are at 2:00 and begin at the art information desk.

May 2: French May 9: Spanish May 11: Spanish May 16: German May 18: Russian May 23: Italian May 25: Japanese

Tours by Appointment

Tours of the permanent collection and special exhibitions, including tours with a sign language interpreter, may be arranged with at least three weeks' notice. Please call (202) 842-6247 or the TDD line (202) 842-6176; for school tours call (202) 842-6249 four weeks in advance. Written requests should be addressed to: Education Division, Tour Scheduling, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC 20565. Include the type of tour you are requesting, two possible dates and times, the size of your group, the grade if you are making a reservation for a school group, and your address and phone number. You will be notified either by telephone or in writing of the status of your request.

Audio Tours

Permanent Collection

Impressionism and Post-Impressionism "Inform," a digitized system that allows individualized access to interpretive commentary on paintings in the French impressionist and post-impressionist galleries, replaces the conventional taped audio tour. The self-selected approach lets the visitor choose length of commentary on any or all of the works programmed into the "Inform" system. Narrated by Philip Conisbee, curator of French painting.

"Inform" tours are \$4.00 (\$3.50 for senior citizens, students, and groups of ten or more). They may be rented near the Rotunda, on the main floor of the West Building.

The Director's Tour, narrated by Earl A. Powell III, discusses fifteenth- through early twentieth-century masterpieces in the West Building and includes some of the Gallery's best-loved paintings. \$4.00 (\$3.50 for senior citizens, students, and groups of ten or more).

Special Exhibition

James McNeill Whistler is available at the entrance to the exhibition, with an introduction by director Earl A. Powell III and narration by Nicolai Cikovsky, Jr., curator of American and British paintings, National Gallery of Art. \$4.00 (\$3.50 for senior citizens, students, and groups of ten or more).

Amplified headsets and/or scripts are available to assist visitors with hearing impairments. To reserve audio tours for groups call (202) 842-6592.

Film Programs

East Building auditorium

Listening devices are available at the art information desk for visitors with hearing impairments.

Silent Film: Lonesome

Hungarian-born director Paul Fejos made this delicate, sophisticated, and—until recently—neglected film at the end of the silent era in Hollywood. The George Eastman House has restored their print of *Lonesome*, reconstructing the film's original brief dialogue sequences and color tinting. On Saturday, May 6, at 6:00 pm the National Gallery of Art will present the restored *Lonesome* accompanied by the Alloy Orchestra of Boston performing a specially composed musical score.

Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision

This new feature-length documentary on the life and work of the architect who designed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial will have its Washington premiere on Sunday, May 14, at 6:00 pm in the East Building auditorium. Maya Lin will be present to answer questions following this screening. The film will be shown a second time on Memorial Day, May 29, at 3:00 pm.

Marcel Pagnol

The films of Marcel Pagnol (1895-1974) are remarkable for their spirited portrayals of village life in the south of France. Pagnol's depiction of Provence has even been compared to such literary creations as William Faulkner's Yoknapatawpha County for the singularity of its characters and landscape. This selection of eight films by Pagnol opens with the "Fanny trilogy" (Marius, Fanny, and César), the only films Pagnol produced in an urban setting—the port city of Marseilles. The series closes with Manon des sources and Ugolin, a two-part tale of a shepherdess who seeks revenge on the Provence villagers who rebuff her father. Director Claude Berri later remade Manon des sources as a successful commercial film deriving his text from Pagnol's original script.

Lonesome (Paul Fejos, 1928, 70 minutes, with live musical accompaniment); May 6 at 6:00 (East Building doors open at 5:30).

Picture of Light (Peter Mettler, 1994, 83 minutes); May 7 at 1:00, followed by a discussion with Peter Mettler.

Dorothea Lange: A Visual Life (Meg Partridge, 1994, 52 minutes); May 12 at 12:30 and May 14 at 1:00.

Arshile Gorky (Courtney Sale Ross, 1982, 29 minutes); May 17–19

Marius (Marcel Pagnol, 1931, 125 minutes); May 20 at 12:30.
Fanny (Marcel Pagnol, 1932,

125 minutes); May 20 at 3:00. *César* (Marcel Pagnol, 1933, 134 minutes); May 21 at 12:30.

Angèle (Marcel Pagnol, 1934, 132 minutes); May 21 at 6:00.

Franz Kline Remembered (Courtney Sale Ross, 1982, 29 minutes); May 24–26 at 12:30.

Manon des sources (Marcel Pagnol, 1952, 118 minutes); May 27 at 1:00.

Ugolin (Marcel Pagnol, 1952, 110 minutes); May 27 at 3:15.

Harvest (Marcel Pagnol, 1937, 127 minutes); May 28 at 1:00.

The Baker's Wife (Marcel Pagnol, 1938, 124 minutes); May 28 at 6:00.

Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision (Frieda Lee Mock, 1994, 105 minutes); May 14 at 6:00 and May 29 at 3:00.

Paul Bowles: The Complete Outsider (Catherine Warnow and Regina Weinreich, 1994, 60 minutes); May 31 at 12:30.

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Gallery Information

The National Gallery of Art and its collections belong to the people of the United States of America. European and American paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, and works on paper are displayed in the permanent collection galleries, and temporary exhibitions of art from countries and cultures throughout the world are presented on a regular basis. Admission is free.

Hours

Monday – Saturday 10 am to 5 pm Sunday 11 am to 6 pm

For general information Call (202) 737-4215

LocationThe Gallery is located between 3rd

and 7th Streets, NW, on Constitution Avenue. The nearest Metro stops are Judiciary Square on the Red Line, Archives on the Yellow Green Lines, and Smithsonian on the Blue/Orange Lines. Metro bus stops are located on 4th Street and on 7th Street. 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 Constitution Avenue at 6th Street, on 4th Street, and on 7th Street (Saturday and Sunday only). The entrance to the East Building is on 4th Street.

Services for Visitors

Ramps are accessible for wheel-chairs and strollers at the 6th Street entrance to the West Building on Constitution Avenue, NW, and at the 4th Street entrance to the East Building. Wheelchairs and strollers are available at all entrances. For information about access to public areas and galleries, refer to the *Brief Guide and Plan* of the East and West Buildings at the art information deals.

Limited parking is available in front of the East Building for vehicles displaying the international symbol of accessibility.

Assistive listening devices are available on a free-loan basis from the art information desk in the East Building for the large auditorium, and from a self-service unit in the wall to the left of the entrance to the East Building small auditorium.

Sign-language interpretation is available with three weeks' notice. Call (202) 842-6247 or the TDD line given below.

For general information on services

Call (202) 842-6690 Weekdays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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Gallery Restaurants

Café/Buffet

Concourse

Monday – Friday 10:00 – 3:00

Saturday 10:00 – 4:00

Sunday 11:00 – 4:30

Garden CaféWest Building, ground floor

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