

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1980

Painting of the Week

Tours

Films

Sunday Lectures

Sunday

MONDAY, March 31 through SUNDAY, April 6

Umbrian School The Flagellation of Christ (Samuel H. Kress Collection)

Tues. through Sat. 12:00 & 2:00; Sun. 3:30 & 6:00

West Building Gallery 8



Italian Drawings: 1780-1890 Tues. through Sat. 1:00 Sun. 2:30 West Building Rotunda

Introduction to the East Building's Collection Mon. through Sat. 11:00 Sun. 1:00 East Building **Ground Floor Lobby**

Introduction to the West Building's Collection Mon. through Sat. 3:00 Sun. 5:00 West Building Rotunda

The New York School (55 min.) Tues. through Sat. 12:30 & 6:00; Sun. 1:00

A Place to Be (Construction of the East Building) (60 min.) Tues. through Sat. 2:00

East Building Auditorium

Monasticism and the Arts Speaker:

Gregory Verdon, O.S.B. Monk of St. Anselm's Abbey, Washington

Sunday 4:00

East Building Auditorium



Concerts

National Gallery Orchestra Richard Bales, Conductor West Building East Garden Court 7:00

MONDAY, April 7 through SUNDAY, April 13

Van Scorel The Rest on the Flight into Egypt (Samuel H. Kress

Tues. through Sat. 12:00 & 2:00; Sun. 3:30 & 6:00

West Building Gallery 41

Collection)



Turner and Constable Tues. through Sat. 1:00 Sun. 2:30 West Building Rotunda

Introduction to the East Building's Collection Mon. through Sat. 11:00 Sun. 1:00 East Building **Ground Floor Lobby**

Introduction to the West Building's Collection Mon. through Sat. 3:00 Sun. 5:00 West Building Rotunda

Femme/Woman: A Tapestry by Joan Miró (15 min.) Motherwell/Alberti: A La Pintura (15 min.) Tues. 12:30; Thurs. through Sat. 12:30 & 6:00

A Place To Be (Construction of the East Building) (60 min.) Tues., Thurs. through Sat. 2:00

East Building

Sun. 1:00



Furniture by Jean-Henri Riesener, Cabinetmaker to the King of France 1774-1784

Speaker: Frances Buckland Lecturer, London

Sunday 4:00 East Building

Auditorium

37th American Music Festival

National Gallery Orchestra

Richard Bales, Conductor West Building East Garden Court 7:00

MONDAY, April 14 through SUNDAY, April 20

Sculpture of the Week

Danti The Descent from the Cross (Widener Collection)

Tues. through Sat. 12:00 & 2:00; Sun. 3:30 & 6:00

West Building Gallery 10



Corot and Courbet Tues. through Sat. 1:00 Sun. 2:30 West Building Rotunda

Introduction to the East Building's Collection Mon. through Sat. 11:00 Sun. 1:00 East Building **Ground Floor Lobby**

Introduction to the West Building's Collection Mon. through Sat. 3:00 Sun. 5:00 West Building Rotunda

Mobile by Alexander Calder (24 min.) Tues. through Sat. 12:30

& 6:00; Sun. 1:00

A Place To Be (Construction of the East Building) (60 min.) Tues. through Sat. 2:00

East Building Auditorium



German Romanticism: Caspar David Friedrich's Symbolic Landscapes

Speaker: Otto von Simson Kress Professor in Residence National Gallery of Art

Sunday 4:00

East Building Auditorium

37th American Music Festival

The Blair String Quartet with Johana Harris Pianist

West Building East Garden Court 7:00

SUNDAY, April 21 through SUNDAY, April 27

Wyeth Snow Flurries (Gift of Margaret I. Handy)

Tues. through Sat. 12:00 & 2:00; Sun. 3:30 & 6:00

West Building Gallery 71



Degas and Cassatt Tues. through Sat. 1:00 Sun. 2:30 West Building Rotunda

Introduction to the East Building's Collection Mon. through Sat. 11:00 Sun. 1:00 East Building **Ground Floor Lobby**

Introduction to the West Building's Collection Mon. through Sat. 3:00 Sun. 5:00 West Building Rotunda

Silversmith of Williamsburg (44 min.) Tues. through Sat. 12:30 & 6:00; Sun. 1:00

A Place To Be (Construction of the East Building) (60 min.) Tues. through Sat. 2:00

East Building Auditorium

American Light II: From Luminism to Impressionism

Speaker: William H. Gerdts Professor of Art History City University of New York

Sunday 4:00 East Building Auditorium

37th American Music Festival

Penelope Jensen Soprano Michael Zenge Pianist

West Building East Garden Court 7:00

National Gallery of Art

Washington, D.C. 20565

The Gallery is located between 7th and 3rd Streets, Northwest, on Constitution Avenue. The telephone number for all offices is (202) 737-4215.

EXHIBITIONS

American Light:

Special Exhibition Galleries

Ground floor, West Building

In Praise of America:

Decorative Arts.

1650-1830

Through July 6

Upper level

East Building

Masterworks of American

(1850-1875)

Through June 15

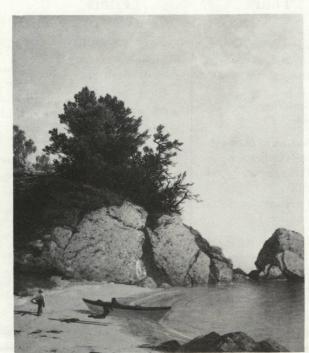
The Luminist Movement

April 1980

Sign-language interpreters accompany the Gallery staff lecturers on tours and Painting of the Week talks announced in the Calendar on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Summer evening hours will begin Tuesday, April 1. Monday through Saturday the hours will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday hours remain the same throughout the year: 12 noon to 9 p.m. The Buffet will be open Monday through Saturday 10 to 11 a.m. for coffee service, with full service 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Cascade and Terrace Cafés, both featuring waitress service, will be open 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Sunday hours for all restaurants are 12 noon to 6 p.m.

American Festival



Beach at Newport (detail). KENSETT National Gallery of Art, Washington Gift of Frederick Sturges, Jr.



Easy Chair
The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Photograph: Richard Cheek

Organized by the National Gallery and not scheduled to travel, this exhibition examines luminism, an American phenomenon in art between 1850 and 1875. Over 160 paintings, 49 drawings and watercolors and 47 photographs are included. The luminist style is best seen in the work of five artists: Fitz Hugh Lane, John F. Kensett, Martin Johnson Heade, Sanford Gifford and Frederic E. Church. Paintings by contemporaries and artists related to the movement, by the founding members of the Hudson River school, by those artists who followed luminism, and luminist photography are also on view.

A recorded tour of the exhibition which is narrated by John Wilmerding, the Gallery's curator of American art and organizer of the exhibition, is available at the entrance to the show. The tour, which lasts approximately 40 minutes, is available for rent at a nominal charge. On Sunday, April 27, William H. Gerdts, Professor of Art History at the City University of New York, will speak on light in 19th-century American paintings. (Check listing for details.)

This is the Gallery's first American decorative arts exhibition. Included are 83 exceptionally fine examples from the mid 17th to the early 19th centuries. The selection was made to present the best of American design and craftsmanship during this country's first 200 years and to bring new information to the public. Among the pieces, each installed as a work of art in its own right rather than part of a period room ensemble, are highboys, chairs, sofas, chests, sideboards, desks, mirrors, clocks and works in glass, silver, brass, copper and iron by craftsmen working both in the cities and in rural regions.

Complementing the exhibition is a 10-minute audio-visual program, covering connoisseurship in the American decorative arts in the last 50 years.

Forthcoming Major Exhibition

Post-Impressionism: Cross-Currents in European and American Painting, 1880-1906



Contes barbares. GAUGUIN Lent by the Folkwang Museum, Essen

Approximately 300 examples by postimpressionist painters from several countries in Europe and from the United States will open at the National Gallery May 25 in the space reserved for temporary exhibitions in the East Building's concourse. The postimpressionist exhibition, a reshaped version of the monumental show that opened at the Royal Academy in London last November, will place the four towering French postimpressionist masters-van Gogh, Gauguin, Seurat and Cézanne—for the first time in the context of their contemporaries not only in France but also in Belgium, Holland, Germany, Italy, Norway, Switzerland, England, Ireland, Scotland and the United States.

Italian Drawings 1780-1890

Through May 11 Prints and Drawings Galleries Ground floor, West Building



The Rape of Lucretia. GIUSEPPE CADES Lent by The Art Institute of Chicago

Italian art from the 15th through the 18th centuries has been the traditional centerpiece of the study of Western art. Only recently, however, has 19th-century Italian art begun to come into its own. This exhibition surveys Italian draftsmanship in the period 1780 to 1890. On view are 102 drawings showing the evolution of Italian art during that turbulent century and the concurrent historical changes in the national consciousness.

During the first week in April, the Tour of the Week will be given on the exhibition. (Check listing for details.)

The Gallery's 37th American Music Festival begins Sunday, April 13, with the National Gallery Orchestra, Richard Bales, Conductor. This annual festival is devoted entirely to works of American composers dating from colonial times to the present day. The concerts are given in the East Garden Court, West Building, at 7 p.m. each Sunday through June 1.



Sunday evening concert in the East Garden Court

Otto von Simson, the Samuel H. Kress
Professor in Residence at the Gallery for
the spring term, will deliver a lecture on
Sunday, April 20 at 4 p.m. in the East
Building Auditorium entitled German
Romanticism: Caspar David Friedrich's
Symbolic Landscapes. A medievalist, Dr.
von Simson is also currently working on a
book on German 19th-century painting. Mr.
von Simson has been professor and director
of the Institute of Fine Arts, Free University,
Berlin, since 1964