

News

Media only:	Laura Baptiste	(202) 633-8494
	Mandy Young	(202) 633-8529

Media Web site: <u>http://americanart.si.edu</u>

## Media Advisory

WHAT: Temporary closures and cancellations

**WHEN:** Jan. 15 – 20

**WHERE:** Smithsonian American Art Museum, Eighth and F streets N.W. Renwick Gallery, Pennsylvania Avenue at 17th Street N.W.

The following closures and cancellations will be in effect at the Smithsonian American Art Museum and its Renwick Gallery in observance of the 56th Presidential Inauguration:

- The Smithsonian American Art Museum will be open to the public Jan. 20
- The Renwick Gallery will be closed to the public Jan. 20.
- No docent tours will be offered at the main museum building Jan. 19 or Jan. 20; inauguration-themed tours will be offered Jan. 17 and Jan. 18 at 12:30, 2 and 4 p.m.
- No docent tours will be offered at the Renwick Gallery Jan. 15 20.
- The 3 p.m. Sketching: Draw and Discover! program is canceled Jan. 20; instead, the Luce Foundation Center will be offering a Presidential Scavenger Hunt from noon until 6 p.m. at its information desk on the third-floor mezzanine level.
- The Luce Foundation Center and Kogod Courtyard will close at 5 p.m. Jan. 19.
- Kogod Courtyard will close at 6 p.m. Jan. 20.
- A limited menu will be offered in the Courtyard Café Jan. 19 and Jan. 20.
- The Courtyard Café will close at 5 p.m. Jan. 18; 4:30 p.m. Jan. 19; and 5 p.m. Jan. 20.
- A special Smithsonian sales tent with inaugural souvenirs will be set up outside the museum's G Street entrance from Jan. 16 through Jan. 20. Hours are 11:30 to 7 p.m.

For the most up-to-date information on closures and cancellations, refer to the museum's Web site. For inauguration information regarding the National Portrait Gallery, which shares the museum's historic landmark building, visit <u>npg.si.edu</u>.

The Smithsonian American Art Museum is located at Eighth and F streets N.W. Museum hours are 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Its Renwick Gallery, located on Pennsylvania Avenue at 17th Street N.W., is open daily 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission is free. Smithsonian Information: (202) 633-1000; (202) 633-5285 (TTY). Recorded museum information: (202) 633-7970. Web site: <u>americanart.si.edu</u>.

## SI-10a-2009

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION MRC 970 PO Box 37012 Washington DC 20013-7012 Telephone 202.633.8530 Fax 202.633.8535

Jan. 14, 2009

