



George Bellows  
American, 1882 - 1925

## *Forty-two Kids*

1907

oil on canvas

overall: 106.7 × 153 cm (42 × 60 1/4 in.)

framed: 124.1 × 170 × 7.3 cm (48 7/8 × 66 15/16 × 2 7/8 in.)

Inscription: lower left: Geo Bellows

Corcoran Collection (Museum Purchase, William A. Clark Fund) 2014.79.2

---

### ENTRY

*Forty-two Kids* was painted in August 1907 [fig. 1], less than three years after George Wesley Bellows had left his home state of Ohio at the age of 22 to study art in New York City. [1] He enrolled at the New York School of Art under Robert Henri, the artist and influential teacher around whom congregated the so-called Ashcan school of urban realists. Bellows fully subscribed to his mentor’s credo, creating work “full of vitality and the actual life of the time.” [2] *Forty-two Kids* exemplifies Bellows’s early work, much of which depicts metropolitan anecdotes, including the illegal boxing matches for which he would become best known.

In *Forty-two Kids*, nude and partially clothed boys engage in a variety of antics—swimming, diving, sunbathing, smoking, and possibly urinating—on and near a dilapidated wharf jutting out over New York City’s East River [fig. 2]. [3] The wharf is painted with broad, fluid strokes from a heavily laden paintbrush, and the “little scrawny-legged kids in their naively indecent movements” are sketched with Bellows’s characteristic vigor and economy of means. [4] The vague grid formed by the wharf’s rough-hewn planks provides a stable compositional platform for the jumble of “spindle-shanked little waifs” distributed seemingly at random across the

foreground and middle ground of the canvas. [5]

*Forty-two Kids* elicited significant attention when it was first exhibited. It was recognized as “one of the most original and vivacious canvases” at the National Academy of Design’s 1908 exhibition, [6] where Bellows won the second-place Julius Hallgarten Prize for another painting, *North River* (1908, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia). [7] This was only the second year Bellows had submitted to the academy. It was an auspicious sign; in April 1909, the organization inducted Bellows as one of the youngest academicians in its history.

Although it was viewed with “a pleasurable sensation” and relished for its “humor” and “humanity,” [8] *Forty-two Kids* did not receive universally positive reviews. One critic condemned it for “the most inexcusable errors in drawing and general proportions,” [9] while another denounced it as “a tour de force in absurdity.” [10] It had been controversially denied the prestigious Lippincott Prize at the Pennsylvania Academy’s 1908 annual exhibition owing to the jury’s fear that the donor might be offended by the title and subject of the painting. [11]

Bellows was aware of this incident. He wanted Robert C. Hall, who purchased *Forty-two Kids* from the Thirteenth Annual Exhibition of the Carnegie Institute in 1909, to know that “the management, feeling that Mr. Lippincott would not like the decision, would not allow the award.” [12] When asked if he thought the jury feared Lippincott would object to the naked children, Bellows deflected attention by quipping: “No, it was the naked painting that they feared.” [13] He did not elaborate, leaving unclear whether he meant the painting’s sketchy appearance or its lowly subject.

Although Bellows’s painting appears innocent enough to viewers today, the mixed reception likely stemmed from the connotations of what one critic called the “curiously freakish subject.” [14] Even as Bellows’s scene recalls Thomas Eakins’s 1885 painting *Swimming* [fig. 3], it also echoes the lowbrow style and content of comic strips like *Hogan’s Alley*, which chronicled the capers of its slum-dwelling protagonist, the Yellow Kid. [15] Where Eakins evokes a tradition of Arcadian naturalism, aligning his nude, sun-dappled subjects with classical antiquity, Bellows’s undeniably modern kids are accorded no such nobility. Around 1900, the slang term “kid” connoted young hooligans with predilections for mischief and petty crime; its lower-class associations would have been clear to Bellows’s audience. [16] Bellows had used colloquial titles before, in his 1906 paintings *Kids* (now in the collection of James W. and Frances G. McGlothlin) and *River Rats*

(private collection, Washington, DC). The latter employs an epithet for juvenile delinquents that draws on an established rhetorical link between immigrants and animals. This association was also applied to the kids in the Gallery’s picture, who were described as “simian.” [17] This was likely a reference to the then-popular caricature of Irish Americans as apes, [18] although the varied skin tones of Bellows’s kids appear to reflect the range of ethnicities—Italian, Russian, German, Polish, and Irish—represented in the poor neighborhoods of Manhattan’s East Side.

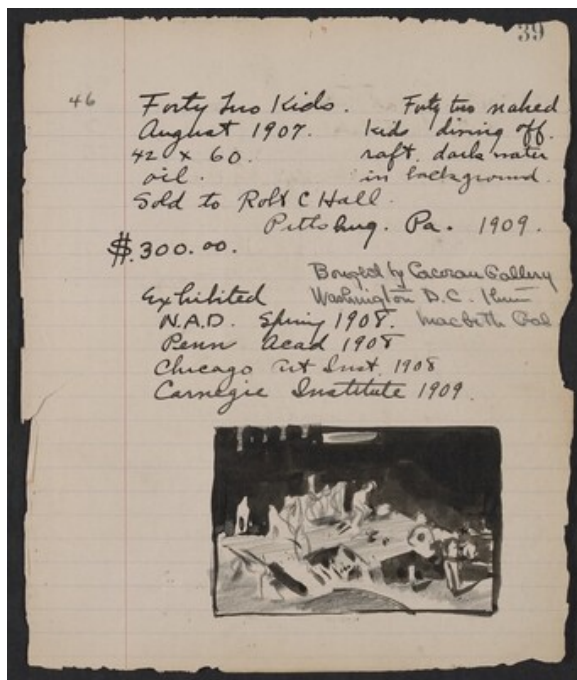
The “simian” slur was surpassed by another critic, who declared: “most of the boys look more like maggots than like humans.” [19] Another simultaneously likened Bellows’s kids to insects and germs when he suggested that “the tangle of bodies and spidery limbs” was akin to “the antics of magnified animalculae.” [20] Even Bellows’s widow, Emma, used entomological vocabulary when she recalled the “old dock” north of the Fifty-Ninth Street Bridge, from which her husband might have made preparatory sketches for *Forty-two Kids*, describing the area as a “dead end neighborhood—swarming with growing boys.” [21]

Contemporaneous literary descriptions of New York City’s tenements relied on metaphors that linked recently arrived immigrant slum dwellers and their dirty environments with all manner of unhygienic animals. The colorful similes applied to *Forty-two Kids* can be understood in this context. [22] From 1890 until the mid-1920s, some 25 million immigrants entered the United States. With the Immigration Act of 1891, the federal government established rigorous medical screening that, among other things, barred persons suffering from contagious diseases. Foreigners, in general, came to be judged as diseased and contagious. [23] Bathing, in municipal swimming pools and open-water floating baths, was endorsed as a healthy and hygienic form of exercise, a way of cleaning, quite literally, recently arrived immigrants. Bellows’s swimming hole, however, is far from salubrious. As one critic noted, the painting has “a bituminous look ill assorted with the idea of bathing.” [24] Although Bellows reportedly said, “One can only paint what one sees,” [25] *Forty-two Kids* elicited responses that went beyond the painting’s superficial and purely visible subject and drew on the distasteful metaphors with which the city’s immigrant populations were associated. Described as bacteria, maggots, and insects, Bellows’s kids were characterized as vectors of contagion, an affiliation quite in keeping with the widely held belief, at the beginning of the 20th century, that unrestricted immigration posed a very real threat to individual Americans’ well-being and the nation’s social health.

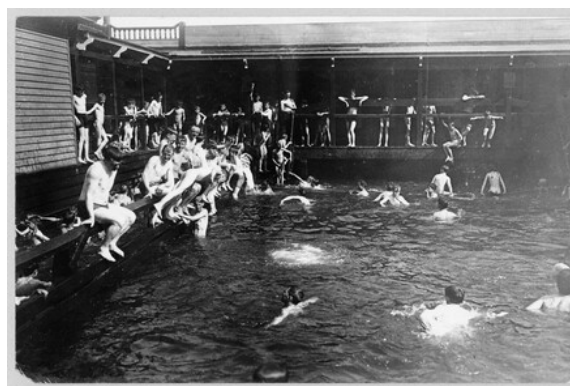
Adam Greenhalgh

September 29, 2016

**COMPARATIVE FIGURES**



**fig. 1** Entry from artist's Record Book about *Forty-two Kids*, The Ohio State University Libraries' Rare Books and Manuscripts Library and the Columbus Museum of Art, Ohio



**fig. 2** *City children—bathing for free at the Battery, New York City, 1908/1916*, photograph, George Grantham Bain Collection, Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division



**fig. 3** Thomas Eakins, *Swimming*, 1885, oil on canvas,  
Amon Carter Museum of Art, Fort Worth, Texas

---

## NOTES

- [1] The August 1907 date of completion for *Forty-two Kids* is recorded in Bellows's Record Book (Record Book A, p. 39). Thanks to Glenn Peck for providing a copy of the Record Book page (see fig. 1). This entry is a revised version of text that was originally published in *Corcoran Gallery of Art: American Paintings to 1945*, ed. Sarah Cash (Washington, DC, 2011).
- [2] "George Bellows, an Artist with 'Red Blood,'" *Current Literature* 53, no. 3 (Sept. 1912): 342.
- [3] The setting is established by a letter from Bellows's widow, Emma, to Marian King, Jan. 23, 1959, NGA curatorial files.
- [4] Philip L. Hale, "Boston Art Shown in Philadelphia," *Boston Herald*, Jan. 26, 1908, Special sec., 1.
- [5] Charles L. Buchanan, "George Bellows: Painter of Democracy," *Arts and Decoration* 4, no. 10 (Aug. 1914): 371.
- [6] *New York Herald*, quoted in Charles H. Morgan, *George Bellows: Painter of America* (New York, 1965), 83.
- [7] The Julius Hallgarten Prize was bestowed annually from 1884 to three domestically based American artists under the age of 35.
- [8] John Cournois, "Three Painters of the New York School," *International*

## NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART ONLINE EDITIONS

*American Paintings, 1900–1945*

- Studio 56*, no. 224 (Oct. 1915): 244; and James Gibbons Huneker, “The Spring Academy: Second Notice,” *New York Sun*, March 21, 1908, 6.
- [9] Maude I. G. Oliver, “Art News of the Week,” *Chicago Record-Herald*, November 8, 1908, sec. 6, 5.
- [10] Joseph Edgar Chamberlin, “An Excellent Academy Show,” *New York Evening Mail*, March 14, 1908, 6.
- [11] The jury had originally voted 8 to 2 in favor of awarding *Forty-two Kids* the Lippincott Prize. Robert Henri, diary entry, Jan. 23, 1908, Robert Henri Papers, reel 886, frame 12, Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.
- [12] Bellows to John W. Beatty, c. May 24, 1909, Papers of the Museum of Art, Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, PA, reel 14, letter group 565, Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.
- [13] “Those Who Paint What They See,” *New York Herald*, Feb. 23, 1908, Literary and Art sec., 4.
- [14] C. H. C., “Carnegie Institute Exhibition, the Figure Subjects: First Notice,” *New York Evening Post*, May 1, 1909, sec. 1, 5.
- [15] Rebecca Zurier, *Picturing the City: Urban Vision and the Ashcan School* (Berkeley, CA, 2006), 221.
- [16] See Marianne Doezema, *George Bellows and Urban America* (New Haven, 1992), 147.
- [17] John Cournos, “Three Painters of the New York School,” *International Studio 56*, no. 224 (Oct. 1915): 244.
- [18] L. Perry Curtis, Jr., *Apes and Angels: The Irishman in Victorian Caricature* (Washington, DC, 1997).
- [19] Joseph Edgar Chamberlin, “An Excellent Academy Show,” *New York Evening Mail*, March 14, 1908.
- [20] “George Bellows, an Artist with ‘Red Blood,’” *Current Literature* 53, no. 3 (Sept. 1912): 345.
- [21] Emma Bellows to Marian King, Jan. 23 and Feb. 6, 1959, NGA curatorial files.
- [22] Molly Suzanne Hutton considers connections between Ashcan paintings, animals, and dirt in “The Ashcan City: Representational Strategies at the Turn of the Century” (PhD diss., Stanford University, 2000), chap. 2.
- [23] Howard Markel and Alexander Minna Stern, “The Foreignness of Germs: The Persistent Association of Immigrants and Disease in American Society,” *Milbank Quarterly* 80, no. 4 (2002): 757. See also Ian Kraut, *Silent Travelers: Germs, Genes, and the “Immigrant Menace”* (Baltimore, MD, 1995).
- [24] Philip L. Hale, “Boston Art Shown in Philadelphia,” *Boston Herald*, Jan. 26,

1908, Special sec.

[25] “Those Who Paint What They See,” *New York Herald*, Feb. 23, 1908,  
Literary and Art sec., 4.

---

## TECHNICAL SUMMARY

The painting is executed on a medium-weight, plain-weave canvas that was primed with a thin grayish-white ground that was commercially applied, evidenced by its presence on the still-intact tacking margins. The painting is lined with a plain-weave canvas using aqueous adhesive, and is stretched onto a nonoriginal keyable stretcher. The paint was applied very freely and spontaneously. In some places, especially in the lower part of the design, the paint is thin enough that the light ground color is visible and the texture of the fabric remains prominent. In other areas, however, the paint was applied more thickly, often with substantial brushmarks and points and ridges of impasto. The great majority of the paint was applied wet into wet and shows signs of blending and smearing of one color into another. In many places, the artist used a sizeable brush to define the larger design elements, such as the boards of the dock, with a few bold strokes. The paint that describes the deep blackish water in the background was slow-drying and quite liquid. Drip marks in this area are evident in the upper right, indicating that the painting was turned on its side and the black paint continued to flow. In many figures, the artist used a small, stiff, flat brush to produce his characteristic streaky, blended strokes of paint that define the boys' bodies with a great economy of means. Many random bumps of paint are visible throughout the surface, indicating that the artist scraped up dried paint from his palette and allowed it to become incorporated into his colors. The paint layer is in good condition, with only a few small inpainted paint losses scattered throughout, some areas of mild abrasion in the lower third of the painting, and some areas of prominent drying cracks. The edges are also heavily retouched. Corcoran conservation records show a number of treatments throughout the past century, and indicate that the varnish layer is complicated by the addition of a thin wax layer, followed by two successive synthetic resin coatings applied many years apart. [1]

---

## TECHNICAL NOTES

## NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART ONLINE EDITIONS

*American Paintings, 1900–1945*

- [1] Lance Mayer prepared a comprehensive technical summary for *Corcoran Gallery of Art: American Paintings to 1945*, ed. Sarah Cash (Washington, DC, 2011). A copy of this summary is available in NGA conservation files.
- 

### PROVENANCE

Collection of the artist, New York; purchased 1909 by Robert C. Hall [1865-1914], Pittsburgh;<sup>[1]</sup> on consignment by 26 February 1923 with (Wunderly Brothers, Pittsburgh);<sup>[2]</sup> purchased by 12 October 1925 by Mr. [1889-1962] and Mrs. Peter Glick, Pittsburgh;<sup>[3]</sup> purchased November 1931 through (William Macbeth, Inc., New York) by the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington;<sup>[4]</sup> acquired 2014 by National Gallery of Art.

[1] The painting was purchased from Bellows during the painting's showing at the Carnegie International exhibition in 1909; see the Corcoran Gallery of Art Accession Record Sheet in NGA curatorial files. Bellows sold the work to Hall for \$300; Jane Myers, "'The Most Searching Place in the World': Bellows's Portraiture," in Michael Quick et al., *The Paintings of George Bellows*, exh. cat., Los Angeles County Museum of Art; Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; Columbus (Ohio) Museum of Art; Amon Carter Museum of American Art, Fort Worth, 1992-1993; Fort Worth and Los Angeles, 1992: 232 n. 38.

[2] The painting was consigned to Wunderly Brothers at an unknown date after Hall died, and was "in and out of Carnegie Institute for a number of years;" Peyton Boswell, Jr., "Bellows' First Patron," *Art Digest* 17, no. 8 (15 January 1943): 3. According to the Corcoran Gallery of Art Accession Record Sheet (in NGA curatorial files), the painting was found in storage at the Carnegie Institute and sent from there to Wunderly Brothers. The dealer lent the painting to the 1923 Bellows exhibition at the Carnegie Institute, which opened on February 26.

[3] The Glicks bought the painting from the Wunderly Brothers at an unknown date, but Mrs. Peter Glick is listed as lender of the painting to the 1925 Bellows memorial exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, which opened on October 12.



[4] Corcoran Gallery of Art Accession Card, in NGA curatorial files.

---

## EXHIBITION HISTORY

1908 103rd Annual Exhibition, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, 20 January - 29 February 1908, no. 750.

1908 Eighty-third Annual Exhibition, National Academy of Design, New York, 14 March - 18 April 1908, no. 167.

1908 Fifteenth Annual Exhibition of American Art, Cincinnati Museum, 23 May - 20 July 1908, no. 26, repro.

1908 Twenty-first Annual Exhibition of Oil Paintings and Sculpture by American Artists, Art Institute of Chicago, 20 October - 29 November 1908, no. 21.

1909 Thirteenth Annual Exhibition, Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, 29 April - 30 June 1909, no. 20.

1923 Exhibition of Paintings, Drawings and Lithographs by George Wesley Bellows, Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, 26 February - 31 March 1923, no. 15.

1925 Memorial Exhibition of the Paintings of George Bellows, Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester, December 1925, no. 2.

1925 Memorial Exhibition of the Work of George Bellows, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, 12 October - 22 November 1925, no. 4, repro.

1926 Memorial Exhibition of the Work of George Bellows, Albright Art Gallery, Buffalo Fine Arts Academy, 10 January - 10 February 1926, no. 2.

1939 Art in Our Time: An Exhibition to Celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of the Museum of Modern Art and the Opening of Its New Building, Museum of Modern Art, New York, 1939, no. 137, repro.[1]

1939 Half a Century of American Art, Art Institute of Chicago, 16 November 1939 - 7 January 1940, no. 13, pl. 19.

## NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART ONLINE EDITIONS

*American Paintings, 1900–1945*

1946 Robert Henri and Five of His Pupils, Century Association, New York, 5 April - 1 June 1946, no. 5, repro.

1949 De Gustibus: An Exhibition of American Paintings Illustrating a Century of Taste, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, 9 January - 20 February 1949, no. 38.

1950 Canadian National Exhibition Art Exhibit, Art Gallery of Toronto, 25 August - 9 September 1950, no. 112.[2]

1955 Fifty Paintings 1905-1913, the Fiftieth Anniversary Exhibition, Albright Art Gallery, Buffalo Fine Arts Academy, 14 May - 12 June 1955, no. 2, repro.

1957 George Bellows: A Retrospective Exhibition, National Gallery of Art, Washington, 19 January - 24 February 1957, no. 4, repro.

1957 Paintings by George Bellows, Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts, 21 March - 21 April 1957, no. 3, repro.

1959 Loan Exhibition. Masterpieces of the Corcoran Gallery of Art: A Benefit Exhibition in Honor of the Gallery's Centenary, Wildenstein, New York, 28 January - 7 March 1959, unnumbered catalogue, repro.

1959 The American Muse: Parallel Trends in Literature and Art, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, 4 April - 17 May 1959, no. 128, repro.

1966 Past and Present: 250 Years of American Art, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, 15 April - 30 September 1966, unpublished checklist.

1967 Triumph of Realism, Brooklyn Museum; Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond; California Palace of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco, 3 October 1967 - 31 March 1968, no. 97, repro.

1976 Corcoran [The American Genius], Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, 24 January - 4 April 1976, unnumbered catalogue, repro.

1978 The William A. Clark Collection, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, 26 April - 16 July 1978, unnumbered catalogue.

## NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART ONLINE EDITIONS

*American Paintings, 1900–1945*

1981 *Of Time and Place: American Figurative Art from the Corcoran Gallery, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington; Cincinnati Art Museum; San Diego Museum of Art; University of Kentucky Art Museum, Lexington; Hunter Museum of Art, Chattanooga; Philbrook Art Center, Tulsa; Portland Art Museum, Oregon; Des Moines Art Center; Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, Florida*, 23 September 1981 - 21 May 1983, no. 30, repro.

1981 *Visions of New York City: American Paintings, Drawings and Prints of the 20th Century*, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, 28 March - 24 May 1981, no. 15, repro.

1985 *Centuries of Childhood in New York: A Celebration on the Occasion of the 275th Anniversary of Trinity School, New-York Historical Society and Trinity School, New York*, 28 February - 25 August 1985, no. 41, repro.

1992 *The Paintings of George Bellows*, Los Angeles Country Museum of Art; Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; Columbus Museum of Art; Amon Carter Museum, Fort Worth, 16 February 1992 - 9 May 1993, unnumbered catalogue, repro.

2003 *The Impressionist Tradition in America, 1770-1950*, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, 19 July 2003 - 18 October 2004, unpublished checklist.

2004 *Figuratively Speaking: The Human Form in American Art, 1770-1950*, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, 20 November 2004 - 7 August 2005, unpublished checklist.

2005 *Encouraging American Genius: Master Paintings from the Corcoran Gallery of Art*, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington; Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; Parrish Art Museum, Southampton; Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte; John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, 27 August 2005 - 29 April 2007, checklist no. 64.

2007 *Life's Pleasures: The Ashcan Artists' Brush with Leisure 1895-1925*, Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Nashville; New-York Historical Society; Detroit Institute of Arts, 2 August 2007 - 25 May 2008, no. 49, repro.

2009 *American Paintings from the Collection*, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, 6 June - 18 October 2009, unpublished checklist.

## NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART ONLINE EDITIONS

*American Paintings, 1900–1945*

2012 George Bellows, National Gallery of Art, Washington; The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; Royal Academy of Arts, London, 10 June 2012 - 18 February 2013, pl. 7.

2013 American Journeys: Visions of Place, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, 21 September 2013 - 28 September 2014, unpublished checklist.

---

### EXHIBITION HISTORY NOTES

[1] The exact dates of the exhibition are not given in the catalogue; the title page has only "held at the time of the New York World's Fair."

[2] A letter of 13 June 1950 (from Sydney Key, Curator, The Art Gallery of Toronto, to John Palmer Keeper, Curator, Corcoran Gallery of Art) and an undated letter of shortly thereafter (from the Corcoran's director to Sydney Key), confirms the loan (copies of both letters are in NGA curatorial files).

---

### BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 1908 "Art Exhibition Opened: Academy's Show Wins High Praise." *New York Herald* (14 March 1908): 10.
- 1908 Chamberlin, Joseph Edgar. "An Excellent Academy Show [exh. review]." *New York Evening Mail* (14 March 1908): 6.
- 1908 Diary of Robert Henri, 23 January 1908, Robert Henri Papers, Reel 886, Frame 12, Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington.
- 1908 Evans, Mae J. "Chicago's Annual Art Exhibition [exh. review]." *Chicago Inter-Ocean* (8 November 1908): Magazine: 5.
- 1908 Hale, Philip L. "Boston Art Shown in Philadelphia [exh. review]." *Boston Herald* (26 January 1908): Special Section: 1.
- 1908 Hoeber, Arthur. "Art and Artists: Academy of Design Exhibition - Second Notice [exh. review]." *New York Globe and Commercial Advertiser* (21 March 1908): 6.
- 1908 Huneker, James Gibbons. "The Spring Academy: Second Notice [exh. review]." *New York Sun* (21 March 1908): 6.
- 1908 K[ay], C[harles] de. "The Academy of Design." *New York Evening Post* (14 March 1908): 5.
- 1908 Oliver, Maude I. G. "Art News of the Week [exh. review]." *Chicago Record-Herald* (15 November 1908): 6:5.
- 1908 Oliver, Maude I. G. "Art News of the Week [exh. review]." *Chicago Record-Herald* (8 November 1908): 6:5.

## NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART ONLINE EDITIONS

*American Paintings, 1900–1945*

- 1908 "Philadelphia Academy Exhibition. (Second Notice) [exh. review]." *American Art News* 6, no. 16 (1 February 1908): 2.
- 1908 "Those Who Paint What They See." *New York Herald* (23 February 1908): Literary and Art: 4.
- 1908 Townsend, James B. "Annual Academy Exhibition (Second Notice) [exh. review]." *American Art News* 6, no. 24 (28 March 1908): 6.
- 1909 C., C. H., "Carnegie Institute Exhibition, The Figure Subjects. First Notice [exh. review]." *New York Evening Post* (1 May 1909): 1:5.
- 1909 George Wesley Bellows to John W. Beatty, 24(?) May 1909, Carnegie Institute Records, Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington.
- 1910 "Independents' Victory [exh. review]." *Brooklyn Standard Union* (14 July 1910): 7, as *Kids*.
- 1912 "George Bellows, An Artist with 'Red Blood.'" *Current Literature* 53, no. 3 (September 1912): 344-345, repro.
- 1912 McIntyre, Robert G. "George Bellows - An Appreciation." *Art and Progress* 3, no. 10 (August 1912): 679-680, repro.
- 1914 Buchanan, Charles L. "George Bellows: Painter of Democracy." *Arts & Decoration* 4, no. 10, (August 1914): 371.
- 1915 Cournos, John. "Three Painters of the New York School." *International Studio* 56, no. 224 (October 1915): 244, 246, repro.
- 1918 Pène du Bois, Guy. "Who's Who in Modern Art-Bellows." *New York Evening Post* (10 November 1918): Magazine.
- 1925 "Boston Museum Buys a Bellows Painting; 'Emma and Her Children' Brings \$22,000." *The New York Times* (31 March 1925): 23.
- 1925 Cortissoz, Royal. "The Field of Art." *Scribner's Magazine* 78, no. 4 (October 1925): 442, repro., 444.
- 1926 Lucas, E. V. "George Wesley Bellows." *Ladies Home Journal* 43, no. 4 (April 1926): 13, repro.
- 1926 Millier, Arthur. "O.K. in Art, But..." *Los Angeles Times* (15 August 1926): C:35.
- 1928 Jackman, Rilla Evelyn. *American Arts*. Chicago, 1928: 282, pl. cxxxvii.
- 1929 Bellows, Emma Louise Story. *The Paintings of George Bellows*. New York, 1929: repro. 8.
- 1929 Eggers, George W. "George Bellows's Painting 'The White Horse.'" *Worcester Art Museum Bulletin* 20, no. 3 (October 1929): 72.
- 1931 "Bellows' '42 Kids' Bought by Corcoran." *Chicago Post* (15 December 1931).
- 1931 "Corcoran Buys Bellows' 'Forty-Two Kids'." *Art Digest* 6 (1 December 1931): 11, repro.
- 1931 "Corcoran Gallery Buys Bellows Art." *The New York Times* (24 November 1931): 52.
- 1931 Eggers, George W. *George Bellows*. American Artist Series. New York, 1931: 11, 46-47, repro.

## NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART ONLINE EDITIONS

*American Paintings, 1900–1945*

- 1931 "Forty-Two Kids." *New York Herald Tribune* (6 December 1931): 9:11, repro.
- 1931 "Forty-two Kids' [reproduction]." *The New York Times* (29 November 1931): Art:12, repro.
- 1931 "Forty-two Kids'." *The Washington Post* (29 November 1931): A:5, repro.
- 1931 Mechlin, Leila. "Corcoran Gallery of Art Acquires Important Bellows Painting - Number of Interesting Exhibitions Attract Art Lovers." *The Washington Star* (29 November 1931): 14, repro.
- 1931 Rainey, Ada. "Corcoran Art Gallery Acquires Painting of 'Forty-Two Kids' by George Bellows." *The Washington Post* (22 November 1931): 4:5.
- 1931 "Works by Bellows Purchased by the Corcoran Gallery." *Art News* 30, no. 9 (28 November 1931): 19.
- 1932 "Museum Accessions." *American Magazine of Art* 24, no. 1 (January 1932): 59, repro.
- 1934 "Swimming." *Fortune Magazine* 9, no. 6 (June 1934): 80, repro.
- 1935 Wilson, Vylla Poe. "Fourteenth Biennial Exhibition Focuses Art World's Eyes on Corcoran Gallery Here [exh. review]." *The Washington Post* (3 March 1935): SA:5.
- 1936 Barrows, Edward M. "George Bellows, Athlete." *The North American Review* 242, no. 2 (1 December 1936): 295.
- 1936 Burroughs, Alan. *Limners and Likenesses: Three Centuries of American Painting*. New York, 1936: 209, fig. 182.
- 1936 Salpeter, Harry. "George Bellows, Native." *Esquire* 5, no. 4 (April 1936): 134.
- 1939 Jewell, Edward Alden. "American Art Pageant: Half Century of Development Revealed By Chicago Art Institute Survey [exh. review]." *The New York Times* (26 November 1939): 9:9, repro.
- 1939 Lane, James W. "As Chicago Saw 50 Years of U.S. Art [exh. review]." *Art News* 38, no. 8 (25 November 1939): 7, repro., 17.
- 1939 O'Connor, John Jr. "Lithographs by George W. Bellows." *Carnegie Magazine* 13, no. 6 (November 1939): 178.
- 1939 Sweet, Frederick A. "Half a Century of American Art [exh. review]." *Bulletin of the Art Institute of Chicago* 33, no. 6 (November 1939): 97, repro.
- 1942 Boswell, Peyton, Jr. *George Bellows*. New York, 1942: 16-17, repro.
- 1943 Boswell, Peyton, Jr. "Bellows' First Patron." *Art Digest* 17, no. 8 (15 January 1943): 3.
- 1944 Watson, Jane. "Tapestry and Paintings are Returned." *The Washington Post* (22 October 1944): 13S, repro.
- 1945 Mechlin, Leila. "In the Art World: Two Paintings by George Bellows Acquired by National Gallery." *The Washington Star* (7 January 1945): C:6.
- 1945 Watson, Jane. "Two Bellows Gifts Made Here." *The Washington Post* (7 January 1945): 11S.

## NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART ONLINE EDITIONS

*American Paintings, 1900–1945*

- 1946 Art Institute of Chicago. *George Bellows: Paintings, Drawings and Prints*. Exh. cat. Art Institute of Chicago, 1946: 5, 15.
- 1946 "George W. Bellows: An American Master of Realistic Painting Comes into His Own with Big Memorial Show." *Life* 20, no. 12 (25 March 1946): 80, repro.
- 1947 Corcoran Gallery of Art. *Handbook of the American Paintings in the Collection of the Corcoran Gallery of Art*. Washington, 1947: 81, repro. 82.
- 1954 O'Connor, John Jr. "George Wesley Bellows." *Museum Echoes (Ohio Historical Society)* 27, no. 11., serial no. 307 (November 1954): 83.
- 1954 Roos, Frank J. Jr. *An Illustrated Handbook of Art History*. Rev. ed. New York, 1954: 263, detail.
- 1955 Brown, Milton W. *American Painting from the Armory Show to the Depression*. Princeton, New Jersey, 1955: 33, repro.
- 1959 Corcoran Gallery of Art. *Masterpieces of the Corcoran Gallery of Art*. Washington, 1959: 62, repro.
- 1959 Devree, Howard. "244 Examples of Work Include Oils, Prints [exh. review]." *The New York Times* (29 January 1959): 20.
- 1959 Dorra, Henri. "Parallel Trends in Literature and Art." *Art in America* 47, no. 2 (1959): 47, repro.
- 1960 Pierson Jr., William H., and Martha Davidson, eds. *Arts of the United States: A Pictorial Survey*. New York, 1960: 331, repro.
- 1961 Dorra, Henri. *The American Muse*. New York, 1961: 157, repro.
- 1965 Morgan, Charles H. *George Bellows. Painter of America*. New York, 1965: 55, 76, 83, 96-97, 99, 186, 311, repro.
- 1968 Christensen, Erwin O. *A Guide to Art Museums in the United States*. New York, 1968: 149, repro.
- 1970 Hamilton, George Heard. *19th and 20th Century Art: Painting, Sculpture, Architecture*. New York, 1970: 279-280, pl. 258.
- 1970 Mendelowitz, Daniel M. *A History of American Art*. 2nd ed. New York, 1970: 318, 320, fig. 435.
- 1971 Braider, Donald. *George Bellows and the Ashcan School of Painting*. New York, 1971: 31, 52, fig. 6.
- 1972 Hunter, Sam. *American Art of the 20th Century*. New York, 1972: 31, repro.
- 1973 Phillips, Dorothy W. *A Catalogue of the Collection of American Paintings in the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Vol. 2: Painters born from 1850 to 1910*. Washington, 1973: 109-110, repro. 110.
- 1974 Gerdts, William H. *The Great American Nude: A History in Art*. New York, 1974: 157-158, fig. 8-3.
- 1974 Reader's Digest. *Illustrated Guide to the Treasures of America*. Pleasantville, New York, 1974: 185, repro.
- 1976 Davis, Douglas, with Mary Rourke. "American Art 200 Years On [exh. review]." *Newsweek* 87, no. 6 (9 February 1976): after 66, repro., 67.

## NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART ONLINE EDITIONS

*American Paintings, 1900–1945*

- 1976 Lipman, Jean, and Helen Franc. *Bright Stars: American Painting and Sculpture Since 1776*. New York, 1976: 102, repro.
- 1978 Richard, Paul. "The Copper King's Gift [exh. review]." *The Washington Post* (26 April 1978): B:7.
- 1979 Daft, Betty. "The Best of Bellows [exh. review]." *Columbus Dispatch* (1 April 1979): 9.
- 1980 Getlein, Frank, and Jo Ann Lewis. *The Washington D.C. Art Review: The Art Explorer's Guide to Washington*. New York, 1980: 14.
- 1981 Ostrow, Joanne. "Americans at the Corcoran [exh. review]." *The Washington Post* (2 October 1981): Weekend: 5.
- 1982 Snider, Louise. "Museum's Exhibit of Genre Art Reveals Social History [exh. review]." *Los Angeles Times* (28 February 1982): A:10.
- 1982 Wilson, William. "'Time, Place' Exhibition in San Diego [exh. review]." *Los Angeles Times* (7 March 1982): Magazine: 84, repro.
- 1983 Brown, Milton W. *One Hundred Masterpieces of American Painting from Public Collections in Washington, D.C.* Washington, D.C., 1983: 128-129, repro.
- 1984 Corcoran Gallery of Art. *American Painting: The Corcoran Gallery of Art*. Washington, 1984: 32-33, repro.
- 1986 Lewis, Jo Ann. "Touches of the Sublime." *The Washington Post* (19 April 1986): A:1.
- 1988 Zurier, Rebecca. "Hey Kids: Children in the Comics & the Art of George Bellows." *Print Collector's Newsletter* 18, no. 6 (January-February 1988): 196, 197, 199, 202, repro.
- 1988 Zurier, Rebecca. "Picturing the City: New York in the Press and the Art of the Ashcan School, 1890-1917." Ph.D. diss., Yale University (1988): iii-iv, 270 n. 65, 271-276, 279, 287-289, 307, 312, 410, 488.
- 1990 Kelly, Frankin. "George Bellows' Shore House." *Studies in the History of Art* 37 (1990): 120-121, repro. no. 3.
- 1992 Adams, Henry. "George Bellows [exh. review]." *The Burlington Magazine* 134, no. 1075 (October 1992): 685, repro.
- 1992 Adams, Henry. "The Paintings of George Bellows [exh. review]." *American Artist* 56 (July 1992): 52-53, 55.
- 1992 Baker, Kenneth. "Bellows Remains One of Ashcan Fellows [exh. review]." *San Francisco Chronicle* (22 March 1992): 38.
- 1992 Doezema, Marianne. *George Bellows and Urban America*. New Haven and London, 1992: 147, 151-152, 154, 159, 161, 165-166, 224 nn. 59, 63, 64; fig. 66, color pl. 14.
- 1992 Doezema, Marianne. "The New York City of George Bellows." *Antiques* 141, no. 3 (March 1992): 486-487, color pl. 9.
- 1992 Donohue, Marlana. "Bellows Show Moves Past Clichés [exh. review]." *Christian Science Monitor* (7 August 1992): 14.
- 1992 "George Bellows: Brutal Sports and Gentle Portraits [exh. review]." *USA Today* 121, no. 2570 (November 1992): 36.



## NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART ONLINE EDITIONS

*American Paintings, 1900–1945*

- 1992 Johnson, Mark M. "The Paintings of George Bellows [exh. review]." *Arts & Activities* 111 (March 1992): 26, repro., 28.
- 1992 Kilian, Michael. "'So Clean and Cold:' Bellows' Works of Grimy Squalor Glow with a Highly Emotional Beauty [exh. review]." *Chicago Tribune* (2 July 1992): 13:C.
- 1992 Litt, Stephen. "Bellows Exhibit Does City Proud." *Cleveland Plain Dealer* (29 November 1992): 3:H.
- 1992 May, Stephen. "All-American: The Paintings of George Bellows [exh. review]." *Antiques & Fine Art* 4, no. 3 (March/April 1992): 69.
- 1992 May, Stephen. "George Bellows: All-American Painter [exh. review]." *American Arts Quarterly* 9, no. 4 (Autumn 1992): 23.
- 1992 Quick, Michael, Jane Myers, Marianne Doezema, and Franklin Kelly. *The Paintings of George Bellows*. Exh. cat. Los Angeles County Museum of Art; Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; Columbus (Ohio) Museum of Art; Amon Carter Museum of American Art, Fort Worth, 1992–1993. New York, 1992: 2, 11, 12, 102, 136, 182, repro.
- 1992 Schiff, Bennett. "The Boy Who Chose the Brush over Baseball." *Smithsonian* 23, no. 3 (June 1992): 66, repro., 68.
- 1992 Wilson, William. "Bellows' One-Two Punch: Artist's Duality on View in County Museum Retrospective [exh. review]." *Los Angeles Times* (17 February 1992): F:7.
- 1993 Pisano, Ronald G. and Bruce Weber. *Parodies of the American Masters: Rediscovering the Society of American Fakirs, 1891-1914*. Exh. cat. Museums at Stony Brook, New York; Art Students League, New York, 1993: 5, 24, repro.
- 1993 Taff, Mark L., and Lauren R. Boglioli. "Fraternity Hazing Revisited Through a Drawing by George Bellows." *Journal of the American Medical Association* 269 (28 April 1993): 2113.
- 1994 Craven, Wayne. *American Art: History and Culture*. New York, 1994: 433.
- 1994 Greenhouse, Wendy, and Susan S. Weininger. *A Rediscovered Regionalist: Herman Menzel*. Exh. cat. Chicago Historical Society, 1995: 15, repro.
- 1994 Lucie-Smith, Edward. *American Realism*. New York, 1994: 69, repro.
- 1994 Pisano, Ronald G. and Bruce Weber. "Rediscovering the Society of American Fakirs." *American Artist* 58 (January 1994): 49.
- 1994 Weinberg, H. Barbara, Doreen Bolger, and David Park Curry. *American Impressionism and Realism: The Painting of Modern Life, 1885-1915*. Exh. cat. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; Amon Carter Museum, Fort Worth; Denver Art Museum; Los Angeles County Museum of Art. New York, 1994: 303-304, fig. 313.
- 1995 Clark, Carol, and Allen Guttmann. "Artists and Athletes." *Journal of Sports History* 22, no. 2 (Summer 1995): 102, repro.
- 1995 Oates, Joyce Carol. *George Bellows: American Artist*. Hopewell, New Jersey, 1995: 8, 12, 18-20, repro.

## NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART ONLINE EDITIONS

*American Paintings, 1900–1945*

- 1996 Hughes, Robert. "The Epic of the City." *Time* 147, no. 8 (19 February 1996): 63.
- 1998 Weber, Bruce. *Ashcan Kids: Children in the Art of Henri, Luks, Glackens, Bellows & Sloan*. Exh. cat. Berry-Hill Galleries, Inc., New York, 1998: 22-23, fig. 12.
- 2000 Cash, Sarah, with Terrie Sultan. *American Treasures of the Corcoran Gallery of Art*. New York, 2000: 158, detail, 160, 170, repro.
- 2001 Coyle, Laura. *Antiquities to Impressionism: The William A. Clark Collection* Exh. brochure. Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, 2001.
- 2002 Cash, Sarah. "Forty-two Kids." In *A Capital Collection: Masterworks from the Corcoran Gallery of Art*. Edited by Eleanor Heartney. London, 2002: 104-105, repro.
- 2002 Ledes, Allison Eckardt. "The Corcoran and William A. Clark." *Antiques* 161 (January 2002): 26.
- 2004 Fagg, John. "Anecdote and the Painting of George Bellows." *Journal of American Studies* 38, no. 3 (December 2004): 475-478, 480-484, fig. 1.
- 2005 "Figuratively Speaking: The Human Form in American Art, 1770-1950 [exh. review]." *American Artist* (May 2005): 70, repro.
- 2006 Ernst, Eric. "American Classics, Up Close and Personal [exh. review]." *Southampton Press* (6 July 2006): B:7.
- 2006 Goodrich, John. "Museums: Travelling Icons of American Art [exh. review]." *The New York Sun* (6 July 2006): 16.
- 2006 Maschal, Richard. "Strokes of Genius [exh. review]." *The Charlotte Observer* (1 October 2006): E:3.
- 2006 "Mint Museum to Host Master Paintings from the Corcoran Gallery." *Antiques and the Arts Weekly* (6 October 2006): 17.
- 2006 Shinn, Susan. "Viewing Masters: 'Encountering American Genius: Master Paintings from the Corcoran Gallery of Art' Opens at the Mint [exh. review]." *Salisbury Post* (12 October 2006): D:7.
- 2006 Zurier, Rebecca. *Picture the City: Urban Vision and the Ashcan School*. Berkeley, 2006: 216-218, 226, 234, 237, 239, 268, fig. 97.
- 2007 Haverstock, Mary Sayre. *George Bellows: An Artist in Action*. Columbus, Ohio, 2007: 41, color repro.
- 2007 Johnson, Ken. "Ashcan Views of New Yorkers, Warts, High Spirits and All [exh. review]." *The New York Times* (28 December 2007).
- 2008 Rodrigue, Mary. "Ashcan painters mirrored urban life [exh. review]." *Detroit Athletic Club News* 92, no. 2 (February 2008): 39.
- 2011 Greenhalgh, Adam. "George Bellows, *Forty-two Kids*." In *Corcoran Gallery of Art: American Paintings to 1945*. Edited by Sarah Cash. Washington, 2011: 36, 194-195, 240, 276, repro.
- 2011 Guttman, Allen. *Sports and American Art from Benjamin West to Andy Warhol*. Amherst, 2011: 140-141, fig. 28.
- 2012 Brock, Charles, et al. *George Bellows*. Exh. cat. National Gallery of Art, Washington; The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; Royal

 NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART ONLINE EDITIONS

*American Paintings, 1900–1945*

- Academy of Arts, London, 2012-2013. Washington and New York, 2012: 9, 10, 23, 40, 45, 47-48, 52-54, 77, 219, pl. 7.
- 2012 Brock, Charles. "George Bellows." *Antiques and Fine Art* 22, no. 2 (Autumn/ Winter 2012): fig. 1.
- 2012 Smith, Roberta. "Restless in Style and Subject: 'George Bellows,' at the Metropolitan Museum of Art [exh. review]." *The New York Times* (16 November 2012): C27.
- 2012 Zeaman, John. "Art Review: 'George Bellows' at the Metropolitan Museum [exh. review]." *The Record* (18 November 2012): repro.
- 2013 Christie's New York. "Lot 59. George Wesley Bellows (1882-1925): Splinter Beach." In *American Art*, sale code "Roosevelt-2707" (May 23, 2013): under lot 59, repro.
- 2013 Dorment, Richard. "George Bellows: Modern American Life, Royal Academy, review [exh. review]." *The Telegraph* (11 March 2013).
- 2013 *Industrial Sublime: Modernism and the Transformation of New York's Rivers, 1900-1940*. Exh. cat. Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, New York; Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, Florida. Yonkers, 2013: 35, fig. 17.
- 2013 Robinson, Joyce Henri, ed. *A Gift from the Heart: American Art from the Collection of James and Barbara Palmer*. University Park, Pennsylvania: Palmer Museum of Art, 2013: pp. 38-39, fig. 6.
- Peck, Glenn C. *George Bellows' Catalogue Raisonné*. H.V. Allison & Co. URL: <http://www.hvallison.com>. Accessed 16 August 2016.
- 

**To cite:** Adam Greenhalgh, "George Bellows/*Forty-two Kids*/1907," *American Paintings, 1900–1945*, NGA Online Editions, <https://purl.org/nga/collection/artobject/134485> (accessed January 25, 2021).