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NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

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On Thursday, December 18th, the National Gallery of Art will place on public view in the Central Gallery on the Ground Floor a temporary loan exhibition of architectural drawings of the Gallery building, together with progress photographs, and a model of the exterior of the building which was used for study purposes during the erection of the National Gallery. These drawings show the development of the building from the first sketch to the final drawings.

The architect of the building was Mr. John Russell Pope, and, following his death in 1937, his associates, Mr. Otto R. Eggers and Mr. Daniel P. Higgins of New York, carried the building to completion under the direction of the Trustees of The A. W. Mellon Educational and Charitable Trust, Mr. Paul Mellon, Mr. Donald D. Shepard, and Mr. David K. E. Bruce.

This exhibition, which will be of special interest to architects, has largely been made possible by the generous loan of these drawings by Mr. Eggers and Mr. Higgins.