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WASHINGTON, January 20: David E. Finley, Director of the National Gallery of Art, announces that an important painting by the distinguished American artist, Robert Henri, (1865-1929), entitled, Young Woman in White, has been given to the Gallery by Miss Violet Organ of New York City. Miss Organ is the sister of the artist's second wife.

Young Woman in White was painted in 1904 and represents the sitter in profile at full-length. She wears a white dress with yellow neckpiece, the color of which is reflected in her hat, and she carries a pair of white gloves. The subtle color and refined patterns contrast with the bolder color of the artist's later work. Mr. Finley stated that this portrait represents an important addition to the Gallery's collection of American paintings.

Henri was one of the famous group of American artists known as "The Eight", who, at the turn of the century, rebelled against the pretty and the sentimental, preferring to take their subjects from real life. He was also famous as a teacher and gave expression to his theories in his popular book "The Art Spirit".