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Washington, D. C. October 17, 1966. GILBERT STUART (1755-1828) will be honored in 1967 with the first major exhibition of his paintings in almost 40 years. Approximately 80 portraits by America's most famous artist will be shown in mid-summer at the National Gallery of Art and in the fall at the cosponsoring Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design.

John Walker, Director of the National Gallery, said the idea for the display originated with Senator Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island who pointed out that there has never been a major GILBERT STUART exhibition in either Washington, D. C. or Rhode Island.

STUART was born and lived in Rhode Island Colony from 1755 to 1775. In the 1790's he decided to maintain a studio close to the seat of the United States Government in order to paint General Washington and other heroes of the young Republic. He subsequently followed the Government when it moved to the new Federal City of Washington in 1803.

The National Gallery plans to use a number of pictures from its own collection of 33 GILBERT STUART portraits, including the famed likeness of George Washington which appears on a United States one-cent stamp.

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