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JACKSON POLLOCK'S "BLUE POLES" PAINTING  
FOR WASHINGTON EXHIBITION

The Jackson Pollock painting "Blue Poles, 1953" bought last month by the Australian National Gallery from a private collector in New York will go on public exhibition in Washington later this month.

The Australian Ambassador, Sir James Plimsoll, today announced that the Australian National Gallery had agreed that the painting be included with a selection of 25 other works in an important exhibition called "American Art at Mid-Century" at the National Gallery of Art in Washington from 27 October through 9 January 1974.

"Blue Poles" is a large and important canvas in oil and platinum paint in a profusion of silver, orange, yellow, black and white with eight blue poles staggered across the surface.

The painting will become part of the growing collection purchased by the Australian National Gallery, Canberra. The painting was purchased from the private collection of Mr Ben Heller, of New York.

Mr J. Carter Brown, the Director of the National Gallery of Art, said today: "We are delighted by the generosity of the Australian Government in allowing the American public to see this major painting in the history of American art before it goes to its permanent home in Australia."

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