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A press preview for <u>Old Master Paintings from the Collection</u> <u>of Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza</u> will be held at the National Gallery's East Building on Thursday, November 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fifty-seven paintings from the 14th through the 18th centuries have been lent from this Swiss-based collection, considered one of the greatest private holdings of old masters today.

Baron Thyssen, J. Carter Brown, Director of the National Gallery, Raymond d'Argenio, senior vice president of United Technologies, and Mrs. John A. Pope, president of the International Exhibitions Foundation, will be available for interviews in the morning.

Press credentials necessary. Television crews should contact the Gallery's Information Office in advance.

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