Washington, D.C., December 7, 1990 - In honor of its fiftieth anniversary, the National Gallery of Art invites members of the public to sing holiday carols in the West Building rotunda Saturday and Sunday, December 15 and 16. The caroling, led by the Maryland Camerata and the Maryland Choral Society, will take place twice a day: 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. and 2:00 to 2:45 p.m. The rotunda will be decorated for the holidays. The annual Gallery Christmas concert at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 23 will also feature community caroling.

Additional holiday activities offered on both weekends are a self-guided walking tour, "The Christmas Story," and the audiovisual program, "The Christmas Story in Art." Also, special holiday refreshments, featuring mulled cider and holiday cookies, will be available for purchase in the Terrace, Cascade, and Garden Cafés during the December 14-16 and 21-23 weekends. Reservations are not required for the activities or cafés.

For further information about the holiday caroling and the annual Christmas concert, please call (202) 842-6941. For information about the tour and audiovisual program, please call (202) 737-4215.