

National Gallery of Art

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NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART SCULPTURE GARDEN

ICE-SKATING RINK OPEN

Washington, D.C. - The National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden ice-skating rink reopened November 18, 2000, through March 15, 2001, weather permitting. This year skaters and other visitors can also enjoy the newly opened Pavilion Café with its panoramic views of the rink and garden.

The rink's sleek, modern design, with clear glass dasher boards, creates open vistas throughout the garden and offers skaters the unique experience of viewing magnificent works of sculpture. A state-of-the-art compact-disc music system, with twenty-four speakers installed on light poles encircling the rink, provides uniform sound to skaters without distracting other visitors to the garden. Banners around the rink feature a painting by Hendrick Avercamp, *A Scene on the Ice*, c. 1625, from the Gallery's collection.

The Pavilion Café serves freshly made wraps, sandwiches, gourmet pizzas, and salads. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, wine, and beer are also available. Hours during the skating season are Monday–Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Sunday, 11:00 a.m. –7:00 p.m. For information, call (202) 289-3360.

The hours for the ice-skating rink are Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m.–11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 a.m.; and Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Admission for a two-hour session (sessions begin on the hour) is as follows:

Adult:	Weekday, \$5.00 Weekend, \$5.50 (Saturday and Sunday)
Senior/Student:	Weekday, \$4.00 (seniors age 50 and over, children age 12 and under, and students with ID) Weekend \$4.50 (Saturday and Sunday)

The skate rental fee is \$2.50. The locker rental fee is \$.50 (\$5.00 deposit required). Discounts on admission and fees are available for groups of ten or more. To arrange a group visit or for general information about the rink call 202-289-3360. New this year: season tickets are available for \$195.00.

Please note: During the evening ice-skating hours, when the National Gallery is closed to the public, the surrounding Sculpture Garden is also closed. Access to the rink and Pavilion Café during these times will be via the Constitution Avenue and Madison Drive entrances at Ninth Street.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The National Gallery of Art and its Sculpture Garden are closed on December 25 and January 1. For general information, call (202) 737-4215, the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (202) 842-6176, or visit the National Gallery of Art's Web site at www.nga.gov. To receive the Gallery's free bimonthly Calendar of Events, call (202) 842-6662.