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NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART SCULPTURE GARDEN AND PAVILION CAFÉ EXTEND HOURS MEMORIAL DAY THROUGH LABOR DAY

Washington, DC – Beginning Memorial Day, May 28, and extending through Labor Day, September 3, the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden will be open until 7:00 p.m. daily. The hours during this period are Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Pavilion Café will stay open until 6 p.m. daily during this period. Admission to the Sculpture Garden is free of charge. It is located at Seventh Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, on the National Mall, in the block adjacent to the West Building of the Gallery.

The Pavilion Café, located within the Sculpture Garden, will be open as follows during this same period: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Café has panoramic views of the reflecting pool and fountain and Sculpture Garden and serves specialty pizzas, sandwiches, soup, salads, desserts, coffee, wine, and beer. A children's menu is available. Indoor and outdoor seating is provided.

Given to the nation by The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, the 6.1-acre Sculpture Garden opened to the public on May 23, 1999. The dynamic and richly landscaped setting includes seventeen major works of post-World War II sculpture by such internationally renowned artists as Louise Bourgeois, Mark di Suvero, Roy Lichtenstein, Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen, and Tony Smith. Visitors are able to enjoy a reflecting pool in summer and an ice-skating rink in winter, as well as spacious seating and walking areas amid the native American canopy trees, flowering trees, shrubs, groundcovers, and perennials.

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