
The Quest for Immortality

Treasures of Ancient Egypt

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National Gallery of Art Opens Exhibition Shop for "The Quest for Immortality: Treasures of Ancient Egypt"

Washington, DC--Books, gifts, and educational items related to The Quest for Immortality: Treasures of Ancient Egypt are offered in the special exhibition Shop on the concourse level of the East Building of the National Gallery of Art, June 30 -- October 14, 2002.

There is a large selection of books, posters, and postcards; a compact disc featuring music played by instruments from the era; stationery; and puzzles. Egyptian--inspired items include a silk and wool blend scarf with Egyptian motifs produced by the National Gallery of Art; unique silver and gold bracelets; exotic, jeweled earrings and necklaces; hand-painted images on papyrus, matted in gold frames and available in three sizes; glass trays with etched Egyptian motifs; gold-plated statues and other sculpture; alabaster vessels; canopic jars; papyrus paper and kits; hieroglyphic alphabets, and desk accessories. There is also a wide variety of children's items available, such as toys, games, dolls, craft kits, mummy pencil cases, and a backpack.

The 256-page exhibition catalogue, co-published by the National Gallery of Art and Prestel, is richly illustrated with approximately 190 color photographs. The catalogue, which was co-edited by Erik Hornung, professor emeritus of Egyptology at the University of Basel, Switzerland, and Betsy M. Bryan, Alexander Badawy Professor of Egyptian Art and Archaeology and chair of the department of Near East Studies, The

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, and also guest curator for the exhibition, contains essays by them and Fayza Haikal, professor of Egyptology at the American University in Cairo; entries on each object; a selected guide to the gods; a chronology; a glossary; and a bibliography. It is available for \$30 in softcover and \$65 in hardcover.

The Quest for Immortality in Ancient Egypt, a thirty-minute film produced by the National Gallery of Art and made possible by the HRH Foundation, explores the Egyptian burial practices of the New Kingdom and the journey from death, through mummification and burial, into the afterworld. The videotape is available for \$21.95.

The catalogue, poster, and videotape also are available on the Gallery's Web site at www.nga.gov/shop (<http://www.nga.gov/shop>) or by calling 1(800) 697-9350.

The exhibition is organized by United Exhibits Group, Copenhagen, and the National Gallery of Art, Washington, in association with the Supreme Council of Antiquities, Cairo

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General Information

The National Gallery of Art and its Sculpture Garden are at all times free to the public. They are located on the National Mall between 3rd and 9th Streets along Constitution Avenue NW and are open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Gallery is closed on December 25 and January 1. With the exception of the atrium and library, the galleries in the East Building will be closing gradually beginning in July 2013 and will remain closed for approximately three years for Master Facilities Plan and renovations. For specific updates on gallery closings, visit www.nga.gov/renovation (<http://www.nga.gov/renovation>) .

For information call (202) 737-4215 or the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (202) 842-6176, or visit the Gallery's website at www.nga.gov. Follow the Gallery on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NationalGalleryofArt and on Twitter at twitter.com/ngadc.

Visitors will be asked to present all carried items for inspection upon entering. Checkrooms are free of charge and located at each entrance. Luggage and other oversized bags must be presented at the 4th Street entrances to the East or West Building to permit x-ray screening and must be deposited in the checkrooms at those entrances. For the safety of visitors and the works of art, nothing may be carried into the Gallery on a visitor's back. Any bag or other items that cannot be carried reasonably and safely in some other manner must be left in the checkrooms. Items larger than 17 by 26 inches cannot be accepted by the Gallery or its checkrooms.

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