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National Gallery of Art director J. Carter Brown, 1988 © Dennis Brack/Black Star.

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J. Carter Brown
Born 1934, Providence, Rhode Island,
son of John Nicholas Brown and Anne Kinsolving Brown

A.B. Harvard, *summa cum laude*, 1956
M.B.A Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, 1958
With Bernard Berenson, Florence, Italy, 1958
Ecole du Louvre, Paris, France, 1958-59
Rijksbureau voor Kunsthistorische Documentatie, The Netherlands, 1960
M.A. Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, 1961
LL.D. (Hon) Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, 1970
L.R.D. (Hon) Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland, 1974
L.H.D. (Hon) Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 1975
L.H.D. (Hon) The George Washington University, Washington, D.C., 1978
D.F.A. (Hon) Roger Williams College, Providence, Rhode Island, 1978
D.P.S. (Hon) Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, 1979
D.F.A. (Hon) The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, 1984
D.F.A. (Hon) Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, Rhode Island, 1984
D.F.A. (Hon) Philadelphia Colleges of the Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1987
D.H.L. (Hon) Mount Vernon College, Washington, D.C., 1987
D.F.A. (Hon) Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1988
D.H.L. (Hon) University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, 1990
D.H.L. (Hon) University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1992
D.F.A. (Hon) Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland, 1993
D.H.L. (Hon) Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi, 1994
L.R.D. (Hon) Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania, 1999
D.F.A. (Hon) American University, Washington, D.C., 2000

Assistant to the Director, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., 1961-63
Assistant Director, 1964-68; Deputy Director, 1968-69
Director, 1969-1992; Director *Emeritus*, September 9, 1992

Chairman: U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, Washington, D.C., 1971-2002
OVATION -The Arts Network, 1993-2002
Pritzker Architecture Prize Jury, 1979-2002



(image 2)

National Gallery of Art director J. Carter Brown in front of a drawing for the exhibition "Treasure Houses of Britain" (1985-86).



(image 3)

National Gallery of Art director J. Carter Brown (center), with Paul Mellon (left) and I.M. Pei in the nearly-complete East Building atrium, January 20, 1978.



(image 4)

National Gallery of Art director J. Carter Brown (left) guides King Juan Carlos I of Spain (center) through the exhibition "Circa 1492: Art in the Age of

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Board of Overseers, John Nicholas Brown Center for the Study of American Civilization, Brown University
Committee for the Preservation of the White House
Federal Council on the Arts and Humanities
National Advisory Council, Leonard Bernstein Center for Education through the Arts
National Policy Board, Americans for the Arts
State Hermitage Museum Advisory Board
- Fellow:** American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1993
American Philosophical Society, 1992
National Academy of Design, 1976
- Honors:** Phi Beta Kappa
Gold Medal of Honor, National Arts Society, 1972
Honorary Member, American Institute of Architects, 1975
Commander, Order of Arts and Letters, France, 1975
Knight of the Legion of Honor, France, 1976
"Washingtonian of the Year," *Washingtonian* Magazine, 1977
Knight, Order of St. Olav, Norway, 1979
Commander, Order of the Republic, Egypt, 1979
Commander, Order of the Orange-Nassau, The Netherlands, 1982
Commendatore, Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, 1984
Knight Commander, Order of Isabel la Católica, Spain, 1985
Distinguished Grotonian, Groton School, Groton, Massachusetts, 1986

Exploration" in October 1991. Jay Levenson, exhibition curator, looks on,



(image 5)

National Gallery of Art director J. Carter Brown (right) with Alexander Calder in the sculptor's studio in Saché, France, July 2, 1974.



(image 6)

J. Carter Brown, Director Emeritus, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., in Gallery's East Building Atrium. Alexander Calder's mobile, "Untitled" (1976) is in the background. photo credit: Jim Argo Courtesy National Gallery of Art

Austrian Cross of Honor for Arts and Letters, 1986
Gold Medal, National Institute of Social Sciences, 1987
Commander, Royal Order of the Polar Star, Sweden, 1988
National Medal of Arts, U.S.A., 1991
Honorary Fellow, Royal Academy of Arts, London, 1991
Grande Oficial, Order of Prince Henry the Navigator, Portugal, 1992
Honorary Trustee for Life, Association of Art Museum Directors, 1992
Honorary Trustee, Touro Synagogue National Heritage Trust, 1993
Commander of the British Empire, U .K., 1993
Honorary Trustee, American Federation of Arts, 1999

Author/Director: *The American Vision* (film)

Guest Director: *RINGS: Five Passions in World Art*, an international exhibition in conjunction with the 1996 Centennial of the Olympic Games.

Principal author: *Rings*: (Book of the Month Club Main Selection)

Author and narrator: *Rings of Passion: Five Emotions in World Art* (PBS/Ovation TV hour, with Meryl Streep); and web site.

Contributor to professional journals, books, catalogues, and CD-ROMs.

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Monday-Thursday, Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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unless indicated otherwise.

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Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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