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THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART SCULPTURE GARDEN ICE-SKATING RINK OPENS MID-NOVEMBER FOR FIFTH YEAR



Mother and daughter enjoying the ice rink in the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden.
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Washington, DC --The National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden ice-skating rink will be open for the fifth year from November 15 through March 14, 2004, weather permitting. The ice rink, the only one of its kind in the country where skaters can enjoy contemporary works of sculpture in a parklike setting, has become a major recreational destination in Washington.

Rink Hours and Fees

The hours for the ice-skating rink are Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Admission for a two-hour session (beginning on the hour) is \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for seniors (age 50 and over), children (age

12 and under), and students with ID. The skate rental fee is \$2.50 (ID required as a deposit). The locker rental fee is \$.50 (\$5.00 deposit required). Discounts on admission and fees are available for groups of ten or more. For general information, opening announcements, or to arrange a group visit, call (202) 289-3360. Season tickets are available for \$195.00.

Jazz on Ice

Following the success of last season's jazz concerts, the Gallery is once again presenting live jazz during its *Jazz on Ice* series every Thursday evening from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., December 4 through March 11, 2004 (no program is scheduled during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's holidays). Visitors can enjoy live performances in the comfort of the Pavilion Café while relaxing, eating, and watching ice-skaters glide to the live music outside in the open air of the Gallery's ice rink. The café offers a special tapas-style menu and bar during concerts. The rink's sleek, modern design creates open vistas throughout the garden, and the state-of-the-art music system, with twenty-four speakers installed around the rink, provides uniform sound to skaters without distracting other visitors.

Dec 4	Jerry Gordon trio
Dec 11	Thad Wilson trio
Dec 18	Geoff Reecer duo
Jan 8	Joshua Bayer trio
Jan 15	Rick Parker trio
Jan 22	Jerry Gordon trio
Jan 29	Bossalingo

Feb 5	Joshua Bayer trio
Feb 12	Reginald Cyntje trio
Feb 19	Darnell Bell trio
Feb 26	Nasar Abadey trio
Mar 4	Bossalingo
Mar 11	Thad Wilson trio

Pavilion Café

The Pavilion Café offers a panoramic view of the garden and ice rink and serves freshly made wraps, sandwiches, gourmet pizzas, and salads. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, wine, and beer are also available. Café hours during the skating season are Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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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](http://www.facebook.com/NationalGalleryofArt) at www.facebook.com/NationalGalleryofArt and on [Twitter](http://twitter.com/ngadc) 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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