

# A FEAST OF FESTIVE FUN AT THE NATIONAL GALLERIES OF SCOTLAND THIS WINTER

NATIONAL GALLERY COMPLEX, The Mound, Edinburgh, EH2 2EL

SCOTTISH NATIONAL GALLERY OF MODERN ART, 75 Belford Road, Edinburgh, EH4 3DR

DEAN GALLERY, 73 Belford Road, EH4 3DS

This Christmas the National Galleries of Scotland will be celebrating the festive period in style with a range of activities for all the family to enjoy.

## Christmas themed activities will include:

- A unique shopping event at the National Gallery Complex on 2 December
- Santa Claus visiting the National Gallery Complex for the first time
- A Scottish choir performing seasonal favourites at the National Gallery Complex
- Christmas inspired curatorial tours of the National Collection

A unique shopping event will take place on the 2 December at the National Gallery Complex between 5pm and 7pm. All purchased presents will be specially gift-wrapped and complementary tastings of local produce and warming winter drinks will be available from *The Scottish Café and Restaurant*.

Throughout December Santa Claus will visit the National Gallery Complex to tell stories and listen to Christmas wishes. He will appear on the 4 and 5 December at 11am and 4pm and then everyday from 11 December until Christmas Eve. He will also spend Sundays in the *Cup Cake Caffè* between 4pm and 5pm telling festive stories.

*Vocal Fusion*, a Scottish quartet will also visit the National Gallery Complex on 11 and 12 December to perform a mixture of favourite Christmas carols with modern holiday songs to add a festival ambience whilst people shop and eat. They will be singing at 1.30pm and 3pm on both days.

As well as these festive activities the National Collection can also be explored with the help of curators who will give their own Christmas inspired tours on the 11 and 12 December. The tours will be available each day at 11.30am and 2.30pm.

The National Galleries of Scotland will add a festive sparkle to Edinburgh's Christmas celebrations. With heart-warming entertainment, quality shopping experiences and delectable eating opportunities available on all sites return visits are a must throughout the merry season.

For further information please contact the National Galleries of Scotland's press office on 0131 624 6325/6247/6314/6332 or [pressinfo@nationalgalleries.org](mailto:pressinfo@nationalgalleries.org)

### **Note to Editor**

The National Galleries of Scotland will be closed on 25 and 26 December. All sites will open on 1 January from 12 noon until 5 pm; from 2 January opening hours will revert to normal.