

Major Rubens exhibit coming to Toledo

Toledo, Ohio—

The Age of Rubens, the first major exhibition of Flemish 17th-century paintings organized in the United States, will bring together at The Toledo Museum of Art from Feb. 2 to April 24, 1994 over 125 paintings by Peter Paul Rubens, his collaborators, and colleagues.

Organized by the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, the exhibition will feature more than 30 major works by Rubens, as well as works by over 40 other artists, including Anthony van Dyck, Jacob Jordaens and Jan Brueghel the Elder.

The exhibition will open in Boston

where it will be on view from Sept. 22 to Jan. 2, 1994. It will then travel to Toledo—the only other venue.

Over 50 museums and private collectors from around the world are lending paintings to this extraordinary exhibition. Renowned individual paintings such as Rubens's *The Garden of Love* from the Museo del Prado, Madrid, will make their first trip across the Atlantic. Portraits, still lifes, genre paintings, and landscapes are being lent by the National Gallery, London; the Hermitage, St. Petersburg; the Prado, Madrid; the Gemaldegalerie, Berlin; the Alte

Pinakothek, Munich; the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna; the National Gallery of Art, Washington; and The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

The exhibition will reveal the accomplishments of painters in Flanders (modern-day Belgium) during the blossoming of Northern European art in the 1600s. While featuring paintings by Rubens, who as the most original and productive artist of the period justly occupies center stage, the exhibition also highlights the work of other prominent artists, notably his chief pupils Anthony van Dyck and Jacob Jordaens, as well as collaborators such as Jan Brueghel the Elder and Frans Snyders.

"*The Age of Rubens* is a ground-breaking exhibition of extraordinary dimensions and breathtaking paintings," said David W. Steadman, TMA director. "A brilliant colorist, Rubens was a sensuous painter who could paint anything from religious and historical subjects, to hunting scenes and still lifes. His enormous talent dominated and inspired countless colleagues and collaborators whose paintings also are included."

Organized under the direction of Boston's curator of European painting Peter C. Sutton, *The Age of Rubens* will be accompanied by a full-color illustrated exhibition catalogue authored by Sutton and a team of



FLEMISH MASTER—*The Crowning of Saint Catherine* by Peter Paul Rubens is part of the exhibit, assembled from 50 museums and private collections.

international scholars, including contributions by Lawrence W. Nichols, Toledo's curator of European painting and sculpture before 1900.

The exhibition has been supported in part by grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency.

Toledo programs will include recorded tours. For preliminary information on group tours and programs, call the Toledo Museum at (419) 243-7000 or 1-800-374-0667. Individual timed tickets will be available after Nov. 1.

The Toledo Museum of Art is a privately endowed, non-profit arts institution. Admission to the Museum is free. It is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; closed Mondays and major holidays. The Museum is located at 2445 Monroe Street at Scottwood Avenue, just west of the downtown business district and one block off I-75 with exit designations posted.

Muskegon upgrades art fair choices

Muskegon, Michigan—

The Muskegon Summer Celebration Art Fair, this year scheduled for July 2-4, in Hackley Park, downtown Muskegon, will feature two components: Art In The Park, and Street Crafts.

Art In The Park will feature juried entries in the area of traditional fine arts exhibited by the artist who created the work. Exhibits will include: jewelry, paint, glass sculpture, ceramics and photography, among others. Approximately 260 artists will exhibit in Hackley Park.

The art fair committee is also planning to provide "green space" at the art fair. "It's an energetic, vital event," says co-chairperson Dan Chambers.

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