MEMBERS' DAY TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC: Off and On the Mall: The Rubell Museum DC, the Hirschhorn, and the National Gallery

Thursday, March 23, 2023 8:30 AM 5:00 PM

Off and On the Mall: Washington's Newest Art Museum, The Rubell Museum DC, the Hirschhorn, and the National Gallery

This special day trip to Washington includes visits to two major museum exhibitions and a tour of Washington's stunning new art museum: The Rubell Museum DC.

Rubell Museum DC, which opened in a renovated historically Black public school in southwest DC in October 2022, is dedicated exclusively to contemporary art – meaning art being made now – and is part of a collection of paintings, sculptures, photography, videos and installation art distinguished by unprecedented range and depth. Founded by Don and Mera Rubell, significant participants in the contemporary art world, the Rubell Museums are among the most prestigious and influential private art institutions in the US. Focusing on a wide range of working artists at varying stages of their careers, the privately held and run Rubell has a free hand to be edgy and provocative as it surveys the state of American culture today. The inaugural exhibition, What's Going On, includes 190 works by 50 artists who are responding to the social and political issues of today.

At the **National Gallery** we will have a guided tour of *Philip Guston Now* which charts the 50-year career of one of America's most influential modern artists through more than 150 paintings and drawings. Renowned in his time and in ours, Guston's work continues to resonate, attract, and provoke, raising crucial questions about the relationship of art to beauty and brutality, freedom and doubt, politics and the imagination. This tour will be especially meaningful, coming shortly after Aneta's 3-part series on Guston.

At the **Hirshhorn** we will explore A Window **Suddenly Opens: Contemporary Photography in China** - a survey of photography by leading multigenerational Chinese artists and showcasing 186 works made between the 1990s and 2000s. The exhibition's title is from a 1997 "manifesto" by Chinese artists that celebrated a shift in the practice of photography from realism to conceptual art. Over three decades, Chinese artists embraced an unprecedented freedom to focus on the self, and responded with candor. This window of artistic freedom may now be closed.

(see itinerary page two)

DETAILED ITINERARY FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023 ASG DAY TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC

8am Superior bus arrives at CPC (Central Presbyterian Church) parking lot,

7308 York Road, Towson 21204 (at York and Stevenson).

Please Park in the back lot.

8:30am Bus departs for Washington DC

9:45-10am Arrive Hirshhorn

10-11am Tour with Nancy Hirshbein of A Window Suddenly Opens, contemporary

Chinese photography. Walk through Sculpture Garden.

11:30am Walk or ride bus to the National Gallery of Art

We will break into two groups for our time at the NGA from noon to 2pm for lunch and a guided tour of the Philip Guston exhibit. One group will have lunch from noon to 1pm followed by a tour from 1pm to 2pm; the second group will tour from noon to 1pm and have lunch from 1pm to 2pm. Lunch is "on your own" but we suggest the cafeteria on the lowest level at NGA. We will set up some group tables in the cafeteria.

Noon-1pm Group 1 - Guided tour of Philip Guston exhibit with Nathalie Ryan

Group 2 - Lunch in NGA cafeteria

1:00-2:00pm Group 2 - Guided tour of Philip Guston exhibit with David Gariff

Group 1 - Lunch in NGA cafeteria

2:15pm Bus to Rubell Museum (65 i Street SW, Washington DC 20024)

2:30-3:30pm Rubell Museum DC – tour on own

3:45pm Depart for Baltimore

5:15-5:30pm Arrive Baltimore

Members-only program. Space is limited. Please register <u>online</u> This tour will <u>not</u> be recorded.