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INVITATION TO THE PRESS PREVIEW

Kulturforum, Gemäldegalerie
10785 Berlin, Matthäikirchplatz

El Siglo de Oro. The Age of Velázquez

1 July – 30 October 2016

An exhibition by Gemäldegalerie – Staatliche Museen zu Berlin in cooperation with Kunsthalle München

Press preview: Wednesday, 29 June 2016, 11 am

Opening: Thursday, 30 June, 6 pm

We would like to invite you to the press preview of the exhibition *El Siglo de Oro. The Age of Velázquez* on Wednesday, 29 June 2016, 11 am at Gemäldegalerie, Berlin.

El Siglo de Oro – the golden age of Spanish art – remains one of the most important and popular chapters in European cultural history. This summer, a major exhibition showcasing 17th century Spanish painting and sculpture in all its fascinating variety will go on show outside of Spain for the first time. *El Siglo de Oro. The Age of Velázquez* will comprise 130 masterpieces by Velázquez, El Greco, Francisco de Zurbarán, and Bartolomé E. Murillo, as well as lesser-known artists such as Alonso Cano and Gregorio Fernández.

In attendance:

Michael Eissenhauer

General Director – Staatliche Museen zu Berlin

Karl-Peter Schackmann-Fallis

Managing Director of the board of management – Deutscher Sparkassen- und Giroverband

Thorsten Strauß

Global Head of Art, Culture & Sports – Deutsche Bank AG,
Chairman of the board – Kuratorium Preußischer Kulturbesitz

Ignasi Miró

Director of the cultural sector – "la Caixa" Banking Foundation

Bernd Wolfgang Lindemann

Director of the Gemäldegalerie, sculpture collection and
the Museum für Byzantinische Kunst – Staatliche Museen zu Berlin

Following the press conference, the curators **Roberto Contini** and **María López-Fanjul y Díez del Corral** will offer a guided tour in the exhibition.

To attend the press preview, please send us an E-mail until Tuesday, 28 June 2016: presse@smb.spk-berlin.de.

The exhibition is being held under the joint aegis of His Majesty King Felipe VI of Spain and German Federal President Joachim Gauck. The exhibition is sponsored by Kuratorium Preußischer Kulturbesitz, Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe and "la Caixa" Banking Foundation. The exhibition is supported by Kaiser Friedrich Museumsverein, the Embassy of Spain, Instituto Cervantes and Museum&Location.

Die Ära Velázquez

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