



## **EXHIBITION PREVIEW**

### ***Settecento. Italian Masters from the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin***

CaixaForum Zaragoza (Spain), from 3 June to 13 November 2016

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**Within the framework of the agreement established with the Gemäldegalerie of the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin (National Museums of Berlin), "la Caixa" Banking Foundation has organised a completely new exhibition in Spain featuring works by Italian artists from the Century of Light**

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"la Caixa" Banking Foundation is working with the Gemäldegalerie of the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin to jointly organise the exhibition "El Siglo de Oro. The Age of Velazquez". Within the framework of this cooperation, "la Caixa" will contribute financially to producing the exhibition devoted to Spain's Golden Age and to organising a second show, which will open to the public in Spain in June this year.

As a result, masterpieces by Italian painters conserved in the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin collections have been brought to Spain, specifically to the CaixaForum cultural centre in the city of Saragossa. The show provides a unique opportunity for Spanish audiences to discover the great works conserved in these collections.

Through a selection of 45 works by 29 artists, the exhibition illustrates the evolution of the painting in the eighteenth century, representing the different schools and tendencies in Italian art during that period. The great masters featured include, particularly, Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, Il Canaletto, Antonio Diziani and Francesco Guardi.

The "la Caixa" Banking Foundation directly oversees Welfare Projects with an ultimate aim: to build a better and fairer society by creating opportunities for those most in need. To accomplish this, Welfare Projects will once again have a budget of €500 million in 2016, the same allowance as for the past eight years, making it Spain's leading foundation when it comes to funds invested in social welfare projects and also one of the largest in Europe and indeed worldwide. A total of 5 million people attended the cultural, scientific and educational programmes and events organised across all of Spain by "la Caixa" Welfare Projects in 2015, up 7.41% year on year.