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Bruce Museum Receives Federal Indemnification Award for Jan van der Heyden Exhibition

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For the first time in its history, the Bruce Museum in Greenwich, Connecticut, has received a national indemnification award, issued under the Indemnity Program by the Federal Council on the Arts and Humanities. Under the aegis of the National Endowment for the Arts, the Federal Council offers indemnification for museum exhibitions of the highest caliber. The Indemnity Program was created by Congress in 1975 for the purpose of minimizing the costs of insuring international exhibitions. The Bruce Museum will use the award to offset the considerable expense of insuring the artwork included in the current exhibition ***Jan van der Heyden (1637-1712)***. The indemnification award is highly competitive and requires a lengthy application process that assesses both the cultural significance of exhibitions under review as well as the precise logistical details involved in gathering works from national and international sources. To be awarded indemnification reflects the Federal Council on the Art's recognition that the Bruce Museum's professional standards are of the highest quality.

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"This is a milestone in the history of the Bruce because it represents acknowledgement by the federal government of the value and significance of our art exhibitions," noted Peter C. Sutton, the Museum's executive director and organizer of *Jan van der Heyden (1637-1712)*. The exhibition, on view at the Bruce Museum through January 10, 2007, is the first on the 17th-century Dutch artist in seventy years and the first ever in the United States. It consists of 37 paintings and 16 drawings selected from several dozen public and private lenders from throughout the United States and Europe, including the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, Musee du Louvre, Paris, Galleria degli Uffizi, Florence, and The Metropolitan Museum of Art, among others.

Dr. Sutton underscored the importance of the Federal Council's issuance of the award to the Bruce Museum. "In the last five years the staff has worked very hard not only to raise the institution's profile with stimulating shows but also to elevate the quality of the art on display and the interpretive scholarship of our publications," he said. "Favorable reviews in the national press have validated these accomplishments; now they are corroborated by Washington. It's very gratifying."

The Bruce Museum presents more than a dozen exhibitions on the arts and sciences annually, many of which it organizes. The Museum is located at 1 Museum Drive in Greenwich, Connecticut, near Interstate-95, Exit 3, and a short walk from the Greenwich Metro North train station. General admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students, and free for children under five and Bruce Museum members. Free admission to all on Tuesdays. Museum hours are: Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and closed Mondays and major holidays. Groups of eight or more require advance reservations. Museum exhibition tours are held Fridays at 12:30 p.m. Free, on-site parking is available. The Bruce Museum is accessible to individuals with disabilities. For information, call the Bruce Museum at (203) 869-0376 or visit www.brucemuseum.org.

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