

Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art in Las Vegas Debuts "Warhol Out West"

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New Exhibition Showcases 56 Works From The Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh

LAS VEGAS, Feb. 8, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Andy Warhol once said, "The idea of waiting for something makes it more exciting." Now, the wait is officially over as one of Las Vegas' premier cultural destinations, Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art (BGFA) debuts today its highly anticipated exhibition, "Warhol Out West."

Organized in partnership with The Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh, this pioneering collection is centered around the iconic artist's depiction of all things Western. "Warhol Out West" features 56 of Warhol's works including paintings, sculptures, photographs, screen prints and wallpaper. Exhibits include Warhol's 1960s Pop paintings of celebrities and consumer products; the 1980s advertisement series; the beloved "Double Elvis" painting; and his rarely seen "Cowboys and Indians" series.

"Our exhibit at Bellagio is the only comprehensive Andy Warhol collection in the United States outside of his namesake museum in Pittsburgh and we recognize what a tremendous honor this is for our city," said Tarissa Tiberti, executive director of BGFA. "Everywhere you look in Las Vegas, you can see the impact of Warhol's creative genius and it is remarkable how his life and art continue to transcend generations."

One of the most influential artists in the visual art movement known as Pop Art, Warhol based his creative depiction of celebrity, advertisements, comic books and brand products within the realm of popular culture.

Eric Shiner, director of The Andy Warhol Museum, said, "We hope visitors to the gallery think about the relationship of the images in front of them with the landscape of Las Vegas, from the kitsch to the fabulous and everything in between. As Las Vegas is key to understanding America, there is no better place than Bellagio for us to share our Andy Warhol artworks. Whether Elvis, Liz, Campbell's Soup or a Brillo Box, Warhol's subjects represent America in all of its many guises."

"Warhol Out West" is on view through October 27, 2013. Tickets are \$16 for general admission; \$13 for Nevada

residents and seniors 65 and older; and \$11 for students, teachers and military with valid ID. Children 12 and younger are free. Tickets and information are available by calling (702) 693-7871 or (877) 957-9777, or online at bellagio.com. Audio tours are included in the price of admission and complimentary docent tours are available daily at 2 p.m.

BGFA is open daily 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Last admissions are sold 30 minutes prior to closing.

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About Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art

Located at the heart of the elegant Bellagio Resort & Casino, Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art is Las Vegas' premier exhibition space – where great art goes on vacation. Since opening in 1998, the gallery has presented exhibitions of artworks and objects drawn from internationally acclaimed museums and private collections, including "Claude Monet: Impressions of Light," "Figuratively Speaking: A Survey of the Human Form," "Classic Contemporary: Lichtenstein, Warhol and Friends," "American Modernism," "The Impressionist Landscape: From Corot to Van Gogh," "Faberge: Treasures from the Kremlin" and "Picasso Ceramics."

About The Andy Warhol Museum

Located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the place of Andy Warhol's birth, The Warhol is one of the most comprehensive single-artist museums in the world. The Andy Warhol Museum is one of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh. The Warhol has an extensive traveling exhibitions program, loaning Warhol's artwork to museums around the world. Since 1996, exhibitions organized or co-organized by The Warhol have been seen by over nine million people in 36 countries. Further information about Andy Warhol and The Andy Warhol Museum is available via warhol.org.

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