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## **Barberini Friends Day**

On 20 January 2019, the Barberini Museum will celebrate its two-year anniversary with its Barberini Friends and those who will become on this day.

This Sunday, the Barberini Museum celebrates its two-year anniversary together with its annual ticket holders, the Barberini Friends. All current Friends, former Friends who renew their tickets for one year on this day and all visitors who become new Friends on this day and purchase an annual ticket are invited to a glass of sparkling wine in the foyer. From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. there will also be free hourly guided tours of the current Colour and Light show. The Neo-Impressionist Henri-Edmond Cross is offered exclusively for the Friends. The number of participants per tour is limited to 20 persons, registration is not necessary.

"Over 500,000 visitors in the opening year, over 150,000 visitors and over 1,200 guided tours at the Richter Show last year alone—it's overwhelming numbers that make us happy," explains Ortrud Westheider, Director of the Barberini Museum. "We are very pleased that our exhibition programme, which is based on international cooperation, and the extensive range of information and events on offer have been so well received. And we are enthusiastic about the response to our annual tickets: almost 70,000 Barberini Friends have taken advantage of this offer so far—our annual ticket costs 30 euros for individuals, 50 euros for couples and 20 euros for visitors under 35. We see many Friends several times a week in the exhibition rooms, in the lunch break or in the evening for a short visit after work, immersed in a work of art, wonderful! The Barberini Friends Day on the occasion of our two-year anniversary is our "Thank you" for our loyal fans".

With an annual pass, you can visit the museum's exhibitions for a year, as often as you like—with immediate admission and no queues. The Barberini Friends also receive invitations to special events or the first tour of a new exhibition.

The founding of the Barberini Museum, an initiative of SAP co-founder Prof. Dr. h.c. mult. Hasso Plattner, is considered the most successful start of an art museum in Germany. This year the Barberini Museum is showing the retrospective of the Neo-Impressionist Henri-Edmond Cross until 17 February 2019. From March 9 to June 16, 2019, a major Picasso show with over 130 works, including paintings, drawings, collages, sculptures, ceramics, will be devoted to the late work of the painter, the Jacqueline Picasso Collection, which has hardly been shown publicly to date. From 13 July to 6 October 2019, over 50 masterpieces from the national galleries of Barberini Corsini in Rome, including one of Caravaggio's most important works, his painting *Narziss*, created in 1589/99, will be on show in the show Wege des Barock. The last exhibition of the year, *Van Gogh. Still Life* (26 October 2019 to 2 February 2020) is the first exhibition on this theme, analysing the decisive stages in van Gogh's work and life with more than 20 paintings.

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