



MEDIA RELEASE

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An Italian Renaissance Partnership: National Gallery of Australia announces San Remo as Exhibition Partner

The National Gallery of Australia today announced that the iconic Australian pasta company, San Remo will be their Exhibition Partner for the Renaissance: 15th and 16th Century Italian Paintings exhibition which opens on Friday, 9 December 2011.

This partnership continues San Remo's long standing history of bringing the best of Italian tradition and culture to Australian families.

San Remo has played an integral role in making pasta a family favourite meal in most households. It has also played an important role in developing a durum wheat industry in Australia, making sure that there is plenty of top grade durum wheat needed to make pasta in Australia of the quality of San Remo pasta.

"The San Remo family is committed to quality" said Michael Neale, Head of Sales & Marketing at San Remo. "As a result, we were delighted to be able to assist with bringing this exhibition of the finest Italian Renaissance art that has ever come to Australia."

The exhibition will open on 9th December 2011 and will run until 9th April 2012. It will feature Renaissance masterpieces by Raphael, Botticelli, Bellini and Titian as well as lesser known artists from the same era. More than 70 works on canvas and panel made between 1400 and 1600 in central and northern Italy will be on display providing an unparalleled opportunity for Australians to experience the creative splendour of the Early and High Renaissance.

The collection is on loan from the Accademia Carrara, Bergamo whilst it is undergoing renovations.

"This is the first time that there has been an exhibition of early Renaissance paintings in Australia and the first time that paintings by artists such as Raphael, Botticelli, and Bellini have been seen in this country," said Shanthini Naidoo, Assistant Director of the National Gallery of Australia. "The *Renaissance* exhibition is a fantastic opportunity for Australian families to see the works of these Italian Masters without having to travel abroad. We are delighted to be partnering with a quality and iconic brand like San Remo to stage the exhibition in Australia."

The partnership will feature 2 special San Remo Chef and Curator Dinners as part of the ACT Tourism's Enlighten Festival on Saturday, 3 March 2012 and Saturday 10 March 2012. The evening will include special late night viewing of the exhibition and speakers at the dinner will include National Gallery of Australia Exhibition Curator, Christine Dixon; Executive Chef James Kidman; and San Remo Brand Ambassador, Adam Swanson.

The *Renaissance* exhibition will be presented at the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra. The gallery is open from 10am to 5pm every day of the exhibition other than Christmas day. There will be summer late openings on Saturday nights until 7pm after 10th December 2011. See: www.nga.gov.au

The National Gallery of Australia is also grateful to our Presenting Partners: The Australian Government through the International Exhibition Indemnity Program and the ACT Government through ACT Tourism for their generous support of the exhibition.

San Remo has a reputation for making excellent pasta in traditional dry format and fresh pasta, including Sfoglia Ravioli. See: www.sanremo.com.au or www.facebook.com/sanremopasta

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