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**NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH  
VERSAILLES, FRANCE**

The NGA is working with the French Government and the Palace of Versailles to deliver a major exhibition opening in December in Canberra.

More than 7 million people make the journey to the Palace of Versailles every year to experience a phenomenon central to French history - Louis XIV's architectural masterpiece, the centre of his court of absolute rule and the embodiment of luxury. The luxurious interiors and gardens were often the backdrop to enchanting and extravagant celebrations including masked balls, theatre, opera, concerts, sumptuous feasts and fireworks.

With the support of the French Government, the NGA partnership with Versailles aims to bring an experience to Australia that has never before been seen outside France.

'We are very excited to be working with Versailles to bring exclusively to Canberra a truly astonishing exhibition and look forward to sharing more details in coming months,' said Gerard Vaughan, NGA Director.

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