

**Friends of Uffizi**  
invites you to the  
**Minneapolis Institute of Art**  
**“Botticelli and Renaissance Florence: Masterworks from the Uffizi”**  
with special guest  
**Rocky Ruggiero, PH.D**  
**Art History Professor and Italian Renaissance Expert**  
**November 3-7, 2022**

This fall the Minneapolis Institute of Art (MIA) is hosting an exhibition to celebrate the artistic achievements of Renaissance Florence. Featuring more than 45 loans from the renowned Uffizi Galleries in Florence – including Botticelli’s evocative Minerva and the Centaur – “Botticelli and Renaissance Florence: Masterworks from the Uffizi” will include paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture, decorative arts, and a selection of ancient Roman marble statues. The exhibition will be one of the most comprehensive shows on Botticelli ever staged in the United States, and will contextualize his works within the broader artistic and cultural climate of Renaissance Florence. On view from October 15, 2022 through January 8, 2023 in MIA’s Target Galleries, “Botticelli and Renaissance Florence: Masterworks from the Uffizi” marks the first collaboration between MIA and the Uffizi Galleries.

Loans from the Uffizi will be interspersed with objects from MIA’s collection throughout the exhibition, including Benedetto da Rovezzano’s Saint John the Baptist sculptural bust (c. 1505) displayed alongside Jacopo del Sellaio’s Triumph of Mardocheus (c. 1490-93), a panel painting from the Uffizi which depicts a similar terracotta bust.

Rocky Ruggiero is a world - renowned Italian Renaissance expert, an academic advisory board member of the Friends of Florence, and is a frequent collaborator and lecturer for the Friends of the Uffizi. Please join him for this unique opportunity in the Twin Cities.



## TOURING SCHEDULE

**HOTEL:** Nicollet Island Inn  
95 Merriam Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

**\*\* Please note:** The Nicollet Island Inn is a registered national historic property

### Thursday, November 3

- Arrival into Minneapolis.
- Lecture, tour and dinner with Rocky Ruggiero featuring a selection of Botticelli's masterpieces on view at the Minneapolis Museum of Art.

### Friday, November 4

- Morning tour with Rocky Ruggiero of the Walker Art Museum and Sculpture Garden followed by lunch.
- Afternoon tour with Rocky Ruggiero at MIA featuring "Masterworks from the Uffizi" and MIA's own collection of Italian Renaissance art.
- Evening concert at the Minnesota Orchestra featuring musical works by Tchaikovsky, Bartok and Trpceski (OPTIONAL).

### Saturday, November 5

- Talk and tour with Minneapolis native and noted preservationist/businessman, Jack Goldenberg, of the architectural highlights of the Twin Cities followed by lunch at the 5-8 Club (specialty is Jucy Lucy!) hosted by Jane Emison, MIA board member.
- Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the intown contemporary home of a prominent MIA board member.

### Sunday, November 6

- For those who wish, church services are available at Our Lady of Lourdes, the oldest Catholic church in continuous use in Minneapolis.
- Brunch at Nicollet Inn (OPTIONAL).
- If weather permits, enjoy a paddle boat excursion along the Mississippi River OR return to MIA for a guided tour of the permanent collection.
- Farewell dinner at Murrays, a Minneapolis institution – plus other surprises!

### Monday, November 7

- Departure from Minneapolis

**Pricing:**

**\$3450.00 per person (double occupancy)**

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**(\$500.00 tax-deductible)**

**Includes:**

- 4 nights' deluxe king accommodation including taxes (suite upgrade available)
- Expertise of Rocky Ruggiero, PH.D.
- Activities, transportation and guides as per the itinerary
- Museum entrances
- Welcome and farewell dinners
- 2 lunches as per the itinerary
- Services of Karen Carr Tailored Creative Travel for pre- and post-trip on- and off= site consultation and documentation

**Does not include:**

- Airfare / airport transfers
- Breakfast
- Activities other than those indicated in the itinerary (Note: Minneapolis Orchestra tickets are optional at any additional cost)
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Alcoholic beverages
- Room service or in-room dining
- Travel insurance is highly recommended.

**For more information and registration materials, please contact Karen Carr  
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