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ARTEMISIA GENTILESCHI: NARRATIVE PAINTER EXTRAORDINAIRE lecture by Dr. Judith Mann

Often heralded as the most famous female painter of the early modern period, Artemisia Gentileschi (1593-after 1654) has fascinated us with the power of her narratives and the drama of her life story. Trained by her artist father, she was assaulted and raped by one of her father's colleagues at age 17. She married and departed the city of Rome, living first in Florence, then again in Rome, Venice, Naples, and London. In spite of her accomplished canvases and powerful allies, Gentileschi never achieved a long-term relationship with a patron, but was constantly seeking employment for most of her life.



Dr. Judith W. Mann, curator of European art to 1800 at the Saint Louis Art Museum, will discuss Artemisia's life saga and how, in spite of life-long difficulties, she produced some of the most extraordinary and original paintings of the seventeenth century. Mann is currently writing a monograph on this talented artist; she curated *Orazio and Artemisia Gentileschi: Father and Daughter Painters in Baroque Italy*, which opened in 2001 at Rome's Palazzo Venezia and later was



seen at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Saint Louis Art Museum. Mann also curated the 2012 exhibition *Federico Barocci: Renaissance Master*, which was presented at the Saint Louis Art Museum and the National Gallery, London. In recognition for her scholarship relating to the Barocci exhibition and catalogue, Mann received the Association of Art Museum Curators' Outstanding Monographic Exhibition Award.

Dr. Mann has been affiliated with the Saint Louis Art Museum for more than 34 years. She has written and lectured extensively on art from the Medieval to Baroque periods as well as the museum's collections. She holds a B.A. in art history from Mount Holyoke College, and both an M.A. and Ph.D. in seventeenth-century Italian art from Washington University.

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