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American Airlines Transports Priceless Masterpieces From Spain to San Antonio

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Works from El Greco, Goya, Picasso and others are on display as part of San Antonio's tricentennial celebration.

FORT WORTH, Texas — American Airlines Cargo proudly transported priceless Spanish art from locations around the globe to San Antonio for the city's tricentennial celebration. The works by El Greco, Velazquez, Goya, Picasso and other masters will be displayed at the San Antonio Museum of Art exhibition, "Spain: 500 Years of Spanish Painting from the Museums of Madrid," through Sept. 16. American Airlines Cargo is an official sponsor.

The exhibition will include more than 40 masterpieces from eight different collections, including the Prado Museum, the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum and the Reina Sofia Museum in Madrid.

Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (Spanish, 1618-1682)
The Annunciation (La Anunciación), ca. 1650
Oil on canvas, h. 72 1/16 in. (183 cm); w. 88 9/16 in. (225 cm)
Museo Nacional del Prado, Madrid, P00969
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Francisco de Goya y Lucientes (Spanish, 1746-1828)
Manuel Godoy as Prince of the Peace (Manuel Godoy como principe de la Paz), 1801
Oil on canvas, h. 38 3/16 in. (97 cm); w. 28 3/4 in. (73 cm)
Museo de la Real Academia de Bellas Artes de San Fernando, Madrid, inv. 670

El Greco (Greek, active Spain, 1541-1614)
Saint Francis in Ecstasy (Extasis de San Francisco), ca. 1600-1605
Oil on canvas, h. 76 3/8 in. (194 cm); w. 59 1/16 in. (150 cm)
Museo Cerralbo, Madrid, inv. 01982
Archivo Fotográfico, Museo Cerralbo, Madrid, España.

Transporting these unique pieces of art, many of which have never before been shown in the United States, required a special level of care. The paintings are priceless as cultural artifacts. The team at American Airlines Cargo knew the masterpieces needed a high level of security and careful handling.

American Airlines team members partnered with freight forwarding specialists in four countries to ensure the paintings were handled with great care. The transferring required a significant amount of time, effort and coordination.

Due to the value of the artwork, security officials were involved at every stage of the transport, including loading and unloading, packaging and processing through customs.

“These works of art are incredibly important to the city of San Antonio as they celebrate their tricentennial,” said Sandy Scott, director of Europe and Asia Cargo Operations for American Airlines. “Of course, safely and securely transporting priceless Picasso and El Greco works across the globe is no easy task. This project required our team members to work together in a creative way while also partnering seamlessly with multiple outside companies in four different countries. While it was a huge undertaking, I’m proud that it was a success thanks to our teams’ dedication to protecting their cargo — no matter what it is — and ensuring a safe and timely delivery.”

San Antonio’s tricentennial celebrates the founding of the city in 1718 by Spanish Franciscan missionaries and includes events throughout the year, including a luncheon with the king and queen of Spain in attendance.

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