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## South Australians rush in on first day of *The Edwardians* exhibition

The Art Gallery of South Australia's blockbuster exhibition of the year, **The Edwardians: Secrets & Desires** opened at 10am today to queues of art-lovers. By midday, nearly two hundred visitors had entered the stunning display of Edwardian art which features 140 paintings, costumes and sculptures from the early 1900s.

"We have been overwhelmed with the public's response to this exhibition" said Art Gallery Director, **Ron Radford**. "*The Edwardians* exhibition is simply stunning and I'm delighted that so many South Australians are rushing in to see works by some of the greatest Australian and international artists of the Edwardian era" he said.

From today, to further enhance the Edwardian experience, the **Art Gallery Restaurant** will even offer an authentic Edwardian menu featuring dishes like smoked haddock, champagne and tarragon poached oysters, duck liver parfait cherries with melba toast and crêpes Georgette.

**The Edwardians: Secrets & Desires** has been organised by the National Gallery of Australia, Canberra. The Art Gallery of South Australia is the only touring venue for this important exhibition which is open daily until Sunday 12 September.

**Exhibition Curator, Dr Anna Gray from the National Gallery of Australia will lead a tour through the exhibition today at 1pm and tomorrow at 11am**, giving an insight into her 5 years of work putting together this remarkable collection.

### **THE EDWARDIANS: Secrets & Desires**

Art Gallery of South Australia. North Terrace Adelaide.

Open daily 10am – 5pm (last admissions 4:30pm).

Admission: Adults \$12 / Concession \$10 / Members & Students \$8 / U16 free

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