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MUSEUMSVEREIN

Friends' Association of the Paintings  
and Sculpture Collection SMB e.V.  
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## THE KFMV'S GENEROUS SUPPORT OF "MANTEGNA + BELLINI"

### Two masters – the same and yet different

A dialogue between two geniuses of the Italian Renaissance

Since the 2011 exhibition "**Gesichter der Renaissance**" (The Renaissance Portrait from Donatello to Bellini) in the Bode Museum, formerly the Kaiser Friedrich Museum, the KFMV has, through membership fees and donations, supported large, popular exhibitions of the painting (*Gemäldegalerie*) and sculpture collection.

As such, it also supported the scholarly preparation and realization of the exhibition "The Botticelli Renaissance" (2015 in the *Gemäldegalerie*) and currently "**Mantegna and Bellini. Masters of the Renaissance**". These large Old Master exhibitions are special events for the KFMV. For KFMV members, curators will offer numerous guided tours on days when the museum is closed, as well as an exclusive preview of the exhibition "Mantegna + Bellini".

Since the foundation of the Association, the **main focus of its sponsorship activities** has been the purchase of paintings and sculptures that are available to the sponsored museums on permanent loan, but which remain the property of the Association. Today, the KFMV owns over 100 paintings and over 160 sculptures, including works of art of the highest artistic quality such as Giotto's "The Death of the Virgin", which was purchased in 1914. Our last purchase project, in 2017, was of a small-format Passion altarpiece (around 1506/07) for the *Gemäldegalerie*, by Dürer assistant Hans Schäufelin. With the support of the members and external foundations, this fortunate acquisition was successful (*Gemäldegalerie*, Room 2).

In 2022 the 125th anniversary of the KFMV will be celebrated, if possible with a special purchase to enrich the association's own collection.

The Kaiser Friedrich Museumsverein has supported the painting and sculpture collection of the Berlin State Museums **for 122 years**. The initiative to establish one of the oldest German associations for the promotion of public museums came from Wilhelm von Bode.

**Today, around 700 members** identify with the goals of the *Kaiser Friedrich Museumsverein*. Since 2010, we have offered membership on special terms to those 18 to 35 year olds who are interested. This group of "Junge Kaiser" already includes over 100 members.

**New members** who would like to offer long-term support and promotion of the unique Berlin Old Masters Collections are most welcome! Sharing in the knowledge of the curators and restorers in the sponsored collections at exclusive events, including on days when the museum is closed; getting to know members with the same interests; free admission to all permanent and special exhibitions held at the Berlin State Museums – there are plenty of good reasons to join the KFMV.

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