



**Finanzgruppe**

Deutscher Sparkassen- und Giroverband

## Press release

### **Savings Banks Finance Group sponsors exhibition “Mantegna and Bellini. Masters of the Renaissance”**

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As part of its extensive involvement in cultural matters, the Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe (Savings Banks Finance Group) is sponsoring an exhibition entitled “Mantegna and Bellini. Masters of the Renaissance“, which will run from 1st March to 30th June 2019 in the Gemäldegalerie Berlin.

Two of the most influential artists of the Renaissance, Andrea Mantegna, with his brilliant, innovative compositions and Giovanni Bellini, with his atmospheric natural landscapes, were both artistic pioneers in their time. Curated by the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, in conjunction with the British Museum and the National Gallery in London, this exhibition for the first time brings together the closely linked creations of these two 15th century artists.

“As brothers-in-law, both artists shared family ties and mutually inspired each other, painting the same motifs in different styles. The attraction of being able to compare these works as part of a single exhibition makes it well worth a visit,” says Dr. Frederic Roßbeck, Chairman of the Board of Feuersozietaät Berlin Brandenburg Versicherung AG. “As the main sponsor of the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin the Savings Banks Finance Group is looking forward especially to this exhibition, which has already attracted tens of the thousands of visitors in London.”

The Savings Banks Finance Group is Germany's largest non-public promoter and sponsor of arts and culture, providing funding of more than 135 million euros per year. Together with its support for social, sporting, environmental and educational projects, as well as other areas, the Finance Group's social engagement amounts to some 448 million euros per year.

The Deutscher Sparkassen- und Giroverband (DSGV – German Savings Banks Association) is the umbrella organisation of the Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe (Savings Banks Finance Group). The organisation includes 384 savings

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banks, seven Landesbank Groups, DekaBank, eight Landesbausparkassen, eleven direct insurer groups of the savings banks, and many other financial service providers.

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