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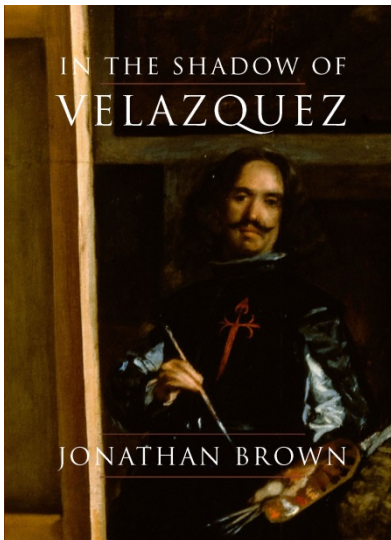
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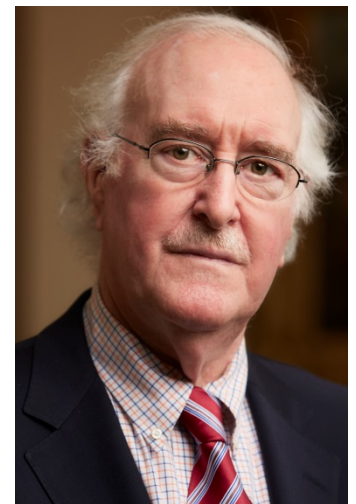
FRICK OFFERS FREE LECTURE BY JONATHAN BROWN,  
EMINENT HISTORIAN OF HISPANIC ART,  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH RELEASE OF HIS NEW BOOK  
*IN THE SHADOW OF VELÁZQUEZ: A LIFE IN ART HISTORY*

Wednesday, April 30, 6:00 p.m.



On Wednesday, April 30, at 6:00 p.m., the public are invited to attend a free lecture at The Frick Collection given by **Jonathan Brown** in conjunction with the release of his book *In the Shadow of Velázquez: A Life in Art History* (Yale University Press). In this lucid, witty publication, the eminent art historian Jonathan Brown examines links between his personal life and his study of Hispanic art of the Golden Age. His adventures are offered as a model for understanding how art history is shaped by life experiences, and he describes the influence of his parents, Jean and Leonard Brown, noted collectors of documentation of twentieth-century avant-garde movements. His focus on the Golden

Age of Spanish art was motivated by a year in Madrid, 1958–59. Art history in Spain was modeled on the policies of the Franco regime, and Brown sought to find different ways to interpret Spanish painting. His approach is demonstrated by fresh insight into painters, including Velázquez. A new interpretation of *Las Meninas* is proposed and the perils of attribution are examined. Later in his career, Brown began to study the transformation of Spanish art in the Americas. The book originated as a series of six lectures delivered at the Museo Nacional del Prado in 2012.



Jonathan Brown; photo: Michael Bodycomb

Jonathan Brown is the Carroll and Milton Petrie Professor of Fine Arts, Institute of Fine Arts, New York University. At The Frick Collection, he organized *Velázquez in New York Museums* (1999–2000) with former Frick Curator Edgar Munhall and Hispanic Society Senior Curator Marcus B. Burke. With the Frick’s Senior Curator Susan Galassi, he co-organized *El Greco: Themes and Variations* (2001), *Goya’s Last Works* (2005), and *The Spanish Manner: Drawings from Ribera to Goya* (2010–11).

The April 30 lecture (6 p.m.) is free, and seating is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are not accepted. This lecture will be webcast live and made available on our Web site and The Frick Collection’s channel on FORA.tv. Please visit [frick.org](http://frick.org) for details.

The book (208 pages, ISBN: 9780300203967 Cloth: \$45.00; member price \$40.50) will be published in June. It will be carried at the Museum Shop and can be ordered through the Frick’s Web site ([www.frick.org](http://www.frick.org)) and by phone at 212.547.6848.

**Media requests for review copies of the book may be directed to Robert Pranzatelli, Senior Publicist, Yale University Press, at [robert.pranzatelli@yale.edu](mailto:robert.pranzatelli@yale.edu).**

## **BASIC INFORMATION**

**General Information Phone:** 212. 288.0700

**Web site:** [www.frick.org](http://www.frick.org)

**E-mail:** [info@frick.org](mailto:info@frick.org)

**Where:** 1 East 70th Street, near Fifth Avenue.

**Hours: open six days a week:** 10am to 6pm on Tuesdays through Saturdays; 11am to 5pm on Sundays. Closed Mondays, New Year’s Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. Limited hours (11am to 5pm) on Lincoln’s Birthday, Election Day, and Veterans Day.

**Admission:** \$20; senior citizens \$15; students \$10; “pay what you wish” on Sundays from 11am to 1pm

**Subway:** #6 local (on Lexington Avenue) to 68th Street station; **Bus:** M1, M2, M3, and M4 southbound on Fifth

PLEASE NOTE TO YOUR READERS: Children under ten are not admitted to the Collection.
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Avenue to 72nd Street and northbound on Madison Avenue to 70th Street

**Tour Information:** included in the price of admission is an Acoustiguide Audio Tour of the permanent collection. The tour is offered in six languages: English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish.

**Museum Shop:** the shop is open the same days as the Museum, closing fifteen minutes before the institution.

**Group Visits:** Please call 212.288.0700 for details and to make reservations.

**Public Programs:** A calendar of events is published regularly and is available upon request.

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