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**The State Hermitage Museum of Saint Petersburg, Russia – One of the World's Largest Art Collections, Implements Paragon Software's NTFS for Mac OS X to Produce its Exhibitor Catalogues and Other Printed Materials**

**MOSCOW/ST. PETERSBURG, Russia, January 31, 2012** – [Paragon Software Group \(PSG\)](#), the leading backup, disaster recovery and cross-platform solutions software developer, is pleased to announce that the publishing department of [The State Hermitage Museum](#) of St. Petersburg, Russia, uses Paragon Software's cross-platform utility [NTFS for Mac OS X 9.5](#) on their Mac computers to gain instant access to works of photographers saved on media of various formats, including Windows, while preparing catalogs and other printed materials for the museum. NTFS for Mac OS X 9.5 is one utility in Paragon's major cross-platform product line based on Paragon's [Universal File System Driver \(UFS\)](#).

The State Hermitage (Russian: Государственный Эрмитаж) is a museum of art and culture founded in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1764 by the Russian Empress Catherine the Great. Today, the collection comprises nearly 3 million paintings, graphic works, sculptures and works of applied art, archaeological finds and numismatic material. The collections occupy a large complex of six historic buildings, including the Winter Palace, a former residence of Russian emperors.

“Our utility NTFS for Mac OS X 9.5 is widely used in publishing businesses around the world. The cross-platform software erases the boundaries between incompatible file systems, most often between Windows and Mac OS X, running any materials in Windows format on a Mac without the usual delays in the rhythm of the production process,” commented Natia Kartvelishvili, Director of Business Development of Paragon Software Group. “It is our special pride that Russia's largest museum, our national heritage, the State Hermitage Museum, uses Paragon's tool to produce their catalogs and brochures to promote the art and culture of Russia.”

The publishing department of the State Hermitage Museum celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary in fall 2012, having published exhibition catalogues, scientific papers, archeological findings and much more throughout its lengthy history. Today, the museum employs several authors who publish more than 50 book titles a year under the State Hermitage imprint.

When publishing catalogues and brochures, the museum includes works of photographers submitted on multimedia devices of different formats, most often Windows. Common incompatibility issues arise when transferring these photographs to the museum's Mac systems. With Paragon's cross-platform technology, barriers between multimedia devices and media file systems are eliminated, allowing users to enjoy multimedia devices that can write data to and read data from external media of any file system. Paragon's UFS technology makes it possible to process unsupported partitions to browse contents, read and modify files, copy and create new files and folders, and more, while maintaining high-performance read/write access and speedy file transfers.

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**Key Features include:**

- Updated support of the latest OS X Lion, including 32/64-bit native mode.
- Support for the latest Thunderbolt devices.
- Support for extended attributes.
- Fast volume transfer speed.
- Full read/write access: Modify existing files, delete files and create or copy new files.
- No limitation to maximum file/partition size (must be within Mac OS X and NTFS specifications).

**Availability:**

Paragon NTFS for Mac OS X 9.5 is available for USD 19.95, EUR 14.95 or GBP 12.95, and can be downloaded at <http://www.paragon-software.com/home/ntfs-mac/>. Owners of Paragon NTFS for Mac OS X 9.0 may upgrade to version 9.5 for free.

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