



Today in History

May 17, 1510

▲ Florentine painter Sandro Botticelli, whose works such as *Primavera* (detail above) embody the Italian Renaissance spirit, died in poverty at the age of 65

1890: Mascagni's opera *Cavalleria Rusticana* was first performed at the Teatro Costanzi in Rome

1965: The satellite *Early Bird* made the first transatlantic transmission of a colour television programme

1990: The World Health Organization eliminated homosexuality from its list of psychiatric diseases

2005: American sports mogul Malcolm Glazer took full control of Manchester United PLC