



ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS ANNOUNCES FREE ACCESS TO EXHIBITIONS FOR UNDER 16s

The Royal Academy of Arts today announced the introduction of a new policy offering free access to all exhibitions for young people under the age of 16.

As part of the Royal Academy's commitment to nurturing young artists of the future, the RA is extending its current offer of free exhibition entry for children under 12 to include young adults under 16 years old.

Charles Saumarez Smith, Secretary and Chief Executive of the Royal Academy of Arts, says: "This is a very important step for the RA. As an Academy that is led by practicing artists and architects, we are committed to engaging young people from an early age with the world of art. By increasing access to our rich and vibrant exhibition programme, we hope to welcome and inspire a younger and wider audience than ever before".

The new policy will take effect with the **Summer Exhibition 2014** (9 June – 17 August) and all forthcoming exhibitions, including **Dennis Hopper: The Lost Album** (26 June – 19 October); **Radical Geometry: Modern Art of South America from the Patricia Phelps de Cisneros Collection** (5 July – 28 September); **Anselm Kiefer RA** (27 September – 14 December).

Visitor Information

The RA is open daily:

Saturday – Thursday 10am – 6pm (last admission to galleries 5.30pm)

Friday 10am – 10pm (last admission to galleries 9.30pm)

About the Royal Academy of Arts

The Royal Academy of Arts was founded by King George III in 1768. It has a unique position in being an independent, privately funded institution led by eminent artists and architects whose purpose is to be a clear, strong voice for art and artists. Its public programme promotes the creation, enjoyment and appreciation of the visual arts through exhibitions, education and debate.

**For public information please print tel: 020 7300 8000 or www.royalacademy.org.uk
Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BD.**

**For further press information, please contact Nina Sandhaus at the Royal Academy Press
Office on tel: 020 7300 5615, fax: 020 7300 8032 or email press.office@royalacademy.org.uk**