



**ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS COLLABORATES WITH BBC ARTS IN MAJOR PARTNERSHIP
TO CELEBRATE THE SUMMER EXHIBITION**



This summer, the Royal Academy of Arts is collaborating with BBC Arts in a major partnership to celebrate the *Summer Exhibition 2014*. This will comprise coverage on BBC Arts Online, a BBC Two programme and an exhibition of works by the finalists from *The One Show Summer Art Competition 2014*.

The Summer Exhibition is the world's largest open submission exhibition, it provides a unique platform for emerging and established artists to showcase their works to an international audience, comprising a range of media from painting to printmaking, photography, sculpture, architecture and film.

To mark the rich history of the Royal Academy and the annual Summer Exhibition, now in its 246 year, BBC Arts Online will produce a series of features drawn from the RA's archive. To coincide with the launch of BBC Arts Online on 14 May, the first feature will look back at the Summer Exhibition of 1914, revealing the story of a Suffragette's attack on one of the most notable pictures of the Exhibition, a portrait Henry James, the novelist, painted by John Singer Sargent RA.

BBC Arts Online will also offer a deeper insight into the *Summer Exhibition 2014* with streamed tours of the exhibition with the Royal Academicians Tracey Emin and Norman Ackroyd, along with special guest Alex Jones, presenter of *The One Show*. An online representation of *Symphony Of A Missing Room: Archive Of The Forgotten And Remembered* an experiential artwork by the Swedish artists Christer Lundahl and Martina Seidl will also be available to view. Presented by LIFT and the RA, Lundahl & Seidl's immersive tours will lead viewers through the RA's public and private spaces, giving a unique insight into the Summer Exhibition and revealing the Royal Academy as never before.

On 7 June, the *Summer Exhibition 2014* will take centre stage in the BBC's new strand of programming *BBC ARTS At...* to be broadcast on BBC 2. Presenters Kirsty Wark, Alastair Sooke and Morgan Quaintance will take viewers on a journey from behind-the-scenes of the making of the exhibition to the glamorous Summer Exhibition Preview Party.

BBC Arts At... the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition 2014 will cover the judging process of the 12,000 works submitted this year, along with the hanging of the exhibition. Highlights include interviews with a selection of newly elected Academicians, including Conrad Shawcross, Yinka Shonibare and Bob & Roberta Smith whose work will be on prominent display, and an interview with Cornelia Parker RA who will be curating a black and white themed room, featuring works by artists David Batchelor and Ackroyd and Harvey, amongst others. Along with well-known artists, the BBC

will be following a number of up-and-coming artists whose work has successfully been selected to hang in the show.

From 16 June – 9 August, the Royal Academy will present *The One Show Summer Art Exhibition 2014* in the historic Reynolds Room. *The One Show Summer Art Competition 2014* was open to amateur artists living in the UK and split in two age categories: 13 – 17 years old and 18 and over. From over 1000 submissions, a selection of 24 shortlisted works will go on display at the RA. A panel, including Michael Landy RA, Edith Devaney, Head of Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy of Arts, Nick Grimshaw, BBC Radio 1's Breakfast Show host, and the actress Maureen Lipman, will judge twelve shortlisted entries from each category. The winners will be announced on The One Show in July, with two new works by the winners joining the exhibition.

Charles Saumarez Smith, Secretary and Chief Executive of the Royal Academy of Arts, said: "We are delighted to be working on this major partnership with the BBC to coincide with the Summer Exhibition. With such a broad range of coverage, we are able to open up access to a far wider audience, inviting them to see what is happening in the art world right now. As the spiritual home for artists and art lovers, the Royal Academy provides a natural setting to host *The One Show Summer Art Exhibition 2014*, which gives further insight into the artistic talent from across the country."

Jonty Claypole, Director of Arts, BBC, said: "The Summer Exhibition is one of the most important events in the cultural calendar and I'm delighted that this year, the BBC will be exploring it in such depth. From BBC Radio 1's Nick Grimshaw judging The One Summer Show Art Competition to an experiential artwork on BBC Arts Online and BBC Arts at ...on BBC Two, we'll be taking a unique look at the *Summer Exhibition 2014* across TV, radio and online."

Notes to Editors:

About the Summer Exhibition 2014

Summer Exhibition Committee

The Summer Exhibition Committee for 2014 includes the following Royal Academicians: Hughie O'Donoghue (coordinator), Eileen Cooper, Gus Cummins, Richard MacCormac, John Maine, Chris Orr, Cornelia Parker, Eric Parry and Emma Stibbon.

The *Summer Exhibition 2014* is sponsored by Insight Investment.

One of the founding principles of the Royal Academy of Arts was to 'mount an annual exhibition open to all artists of distinguished merit' to finance the training of young artists in the Royal Academy Schools. The Summer Exhibition has been held every year without interruption since 1769 and continues to play a significant part in raising funds to finance the current students of the RA Schools, who pay no fees for the duration of their studies.

Summer Exhibition 2014: Dates and Opening Hours

Press View:	Wednesday 4 June, 10am – 2pm
Open to public:	Monday 9 June – Sunday 17 August 2014 10am – 6pm daily (last admission 5.30pm)
Late night opening:	Fridays until 10pm (last admission 9.30pm)

The One Show Summer Art Exhibition 2014: Dates and Opening Hours

Open to public: Monday 16 June – Saturday 9 August 2014
Tuesday to Fridays 10am – 4pm,
Saturdays to Sundays 10am - 6pm (last admission 5.30pm)

Images

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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.

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