



ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS TO REOPEN TO RA FRIENDS ON 9 JULY AND TO THE PUBLIC ON 16 JULY 2020

The Royal Academy is delighted to announce that it will reopen to Friends of the Royal Academy on Thursday 9 July and to the public on Thursday 16 July. The RA has been closed for nearly 4 months due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The RA will open in phases, initially for 4 days a week: Thursday to Sunday, 11am – 4pm and the five-star exhibition, *Picasso and Paper*, which has been extended until Sunday 2 August, will be on view in the Main Galleries. Friends of the Royal Academy, the RA's membership programme, will be given access from Thursday 9 July to Sunday 12 July, followed by the public from Thursday 16 July.

The health and safety of visitors and staff is paramount. The RA will be following government advice on health and safety as a minimum, with additional measures and standards also in place. This will include:

- Social distancing throughout the RA
- Compulsory wearing of a face covering for staff and visitors
- Multiple sanitisation stations throughout the RA
- Operating a cashless system
- Operating a one-way system throughout the building

A full list of what to expect during a visit, can be found here: royalacademy.org.uk/visiting-and-safety-during-coronavirus.

Axel Rüger, Secretary and Chief Executive of the Royal Academy of Arts, said: 'We are incredibly excited to be able to reopen our doors so soon after the restrictions have been lifted and are looking forward to welcoming visitors back again. Galleries should be places of community – providing solace, inspiration and enjoyment – and we are pleased to be able to offer this once more. When we reopen, visitors will be able to catch a final glimpse of our beautiful *Picasso and Paper* exhibition, and, as visitor capacity will be greatly reduced due to social distancing, it will be an opportunity for a quieter, more contemplative experience in the galleries'.

Rebecca Salter, President of the Royal Academy of Arts, said: 'The Royal Academy has been a home for artists, architects and art-lovers for over 250 years. Our belief in the power of art for all is still as strong as ever and we can't wait for the RA to gradually be filled once more with people and creativity. I would like to thank our dedicated staff who have been keeping the RA going during this challenging time as well as our visitors, supporters, loyal Friends and Patrons'.

Notes to Editors

Royal Academy Dates and Opening Hours

Early access for RA Friends: Thursday 9 – Sunday 12 July 2020
11am – 4pm daily (last admission 3.30pm)

Open to public: Thursday 16 July – Sunday 2 August 2020
Thursday to Sundays only
11am – 4pm daily (last admission 3.30pm)

Future phases of reopening beyond Sunday 2 August 2020, including opening dates and hours, will be confirmed in due course.

Admission

Tickets for *Picasso and Paper*: £20 (£22 including Gift Aid donation); concessions available; under 16s go free (T&Cs apply); Friends of the RA go free.

Pre-booking is essential for everyone, including Friends of the RA. All visitors must have a pre-booked timed exhibition ticket to enter the building. Tickets will not be available to purchase on site. Tickets can be booked in advance online (royalacademy.org.uk) or over the phone (0207 300 8090).

As a 'thank you' to the UK's Emergency Services, NHS and social care workers, Blue Light Card holders go free to *Picasso and Paper*.

Tickets for all other 2020 exhibitions will go on sale at a later date.

Safety measures

The health and safety of visitors and staff is paramount. New safety measures for visitors can be found on the RA website: royalacademy.org.uk/visiting-and-safety-during-coronavirus.

Revised Exhibition Programme 2020

Picasso and Paper

Main Galleries

Until 2 August 2020

Léon Spilliaert

The Jillian and Arthur M. Sackler Wing of Galleries

Temporarily closed due to access restrictions. Details to follow in due course.

Gauguin and the Impressionists: Masterpieces from the Ordrupgaard Collection

The Gabrielle Jungels-Winkler Galleries

7 August - 18 October 2020

Summer Exhibition 2020

Main Galleries

6 October 2020 – 3 January 2021

Tracey Emin/Edvard Munch: The Loneliness of the Soul

The Gabrielle Jungels-Winkler Galleries

15 November 2020 – 28 February 2021

The Royal Academy's 2020 exhibition dates are subject to change.

Exhibition postponements

Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic the following exhibitions, which were due to be held in 2020, have been postponed:

Marina Abramović: postponed until autumn 2021 (exact dates to be announced)

RA Schools Show 2020: postponed to June 2021 (exact dates to be announced)

Exhibition cancellations

Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic the following exhibitions, which were due to be held in 2020, have been cancelled:

Angelica Kauffman

Cezanne: The Rock and Quarry Paintings

Images

Publicity images for exhibitions can be obtained from the RA Press Office, please contact:

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The Royal Academy is an independent charity. It does not receive revenue funding from the government so is reliant upon the support of its visitors, donors, sponsors, patrons and loyal Friends.

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