



Media statement from the Royal Academy of Arts

Due to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the national lockdown across England, regrettably the Royal Academy has had to make the difficult decision to postpone *Francis Bacon: Man and Beast*. With the ongoing closure of the Royal Academy due to government restrictions, we are unable to proceed with opening the exhibition in the Main Galleries on 30 January 2021. Future dates for *Francis Bacon: Man and Beast*, will be announced in due course.

All current ticket holders will be contacted shortly.

Pending government guidance, the Royal Academy will announce a reopening date in due course. We are currently reviewing our 2021 exhibition programme and will share further information when available.

The health and safety of visitors and staff remains our top priority.

About the Royal Academy of Arts

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