

# THE QUEEN'S GALLERY BUCKINGHAM PALACE



# The Conversation Piece

Scenes of fashionable life

30 October 2009 – 14 February 2010

*The Conversation Piece: Scenes of Fashionable Life*

offers a fascinating insight into high-society style and manners, from the time of Charles I to the reign of Queen Victoria. Typically a Conversation Piece shows a family group or a gathering of friends participating in informal activities – perhaps at a tea-party, on a fishing trip or at a dining club. While a portrait primarily records the sitter's appearance, the Conversation Piece depicts their way of life.

The centrepiece of the exhibition is a group of works by Johan Zoffany; paintings by Stubbs, Gainsborough and Hogarth are also included.



Clockwise from above:

Sir Edwin Landseer, *Windsor Castle in Modern Times*, 1840–3 (detail)

Johan Zoffany, *Queen Charlotte with her Children and Brothers*, 1773

George Stubbs, *The Prince of Wales's Phaeton*, 1793

Thomas Gainsborough, *Henry, Duke of Cumberland, with Anne, Duchess of Cumberland, and Lady Elizabeth Luttrell*, c.1785–8

Front cover: Johan Zoffany, *The Tribuna of the Uffizi*, 1772–7 (detail)

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Some of the greatest works of art acquired by kings and queens over 500 years are brought together at The Queen's Gallery from royal residences across the UK.

Highlights include world-famous paintings by Rembrandt, Canaletto and Van Dyck, spectacular jewels, dazzling works by Fabergé, as well as furniture, arms and armour, and historic pieces of porcelain that are still used today.



Cover: George III's diamond Garter Star, c.1760

Top: Canaletto, *London: The Thames from Somerset House Terrace towards the City*, c.1746–50



Bottom left: Frans Pourbus the Younger, *The Infanta Isabella Clara Eugenia, Archduchess of Austria*, c.1600

Bottom right: Armour for Henry, Prince of Wales, 1608

### How to find us

The entrance to The Queen's Gallery is on Buckingham Palace Road.

By Underground: Victoria, St James's Park or Green Park.

By bus: Number 11, 211 and C1 or C10.



## PLANNING YOUR VISIT

### Opening times

Daily 10:00–17:30  
(last admission 16:30)  
Closed 25–26 December

Entry by timed ticket

As the Gallery is part of a working palace, closures may occur at short notice. Please check before planning a visit.

### Access



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### Gallery admission prices\*

(including audio tours to both exhibitions)	
Adult	£8.50
Over 60/Student	£7.50
Under 17	£4.25
Under 5	Free
Family (2 adults and 3 under 17s)	£21.50

Advance tickets from 020 7766 7301 or [www.royalcollection.org.uk](http://www.royalcollection.org.uk) (a booking fee applies)

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Buy your ticket directly from the Royal Collection and return to the Gallery free of charge for a year. Simply register on your first visit.

### Forthcoming exhibition

*Victoria & Albert: Art & Love*  
19 March – 31 October 2010

### Ticket Sales and Information Office

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Groups (15+): 020 7766 7321

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