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## The best London exhibitions to visit in 2023



### **ALICE NEEL: HOT OFF THE GRIDDLE** Barbican Art Gallery, 16 February - 21 May 2023

Alice Neel painted the world from her New York apartment. In countless portraits, she captured the people around her, the artists and musicians, the political rebels, the poets, the lovers, and everyone else too. This show will look at her political life, and how she was monitored by the FBI for decades.

### **AFTER IMPRESSIONISM: INVENTING MODERN ART** The Nation Gallery, 25 March - 13 August 2023

Everyone loves the waterlilies and landscapes of Monet and his peers. They are beautiful works in their own right. But what Impressionism did was light a fire for art to transform into something more expressive, bequeathing the likes of Cézanne and Van Gogh who came shortly after, and then on to Cubism and Abstraction, which took things one step further. The National Gallery has charted this evolution by bringing together dozen of works that tell us about arguably the most important period of art history.

### **SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI** The National Gallery, 6 May - 30 July 2023

Since the thirteenth century, artists from Caravaggio and Botticelli to Antony Gormley and Andrea Büttner have found inspiration in the figure of St Francis, a religious icon adored for his spiritual radicalism and commitment to the poor. Expect mediaeval relics, renaissance masterpieces and, erm, Marvel comics.

### **RETURN OF THE PORTRAITS: NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY RE-OPENS** National Portrait Gallery, 22 June 2023

After a lengthy three year refurbishment, the National Portrait Gallery is back with a brand new and bigger entrance, a new wing, more learning resources and a re-hang of their extensive display of portraits and photographs. Whether it's Elizabeth I and Shakespeare you're here to see, or more contemporary famous faces such as Malala Yousafzai or the late Queen — this is the place for it.

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