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### **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 National 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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### THE QUEEN'S GALLERY – STYLE & SOCIETY: DRESSING THE GEORGIANS Buckingham Palace, 21 April - 8 October

Explore the revolutionary life and style of the Georgians, from the practical dress of laundry maids to the glittering gowns worn at court. Enjoy the in house Royal collection featuring old master paintings, rare furniture, decorative arts and images from the vast photograph collection.

### THE MORGAN STANLEY EXHIBITION The Courtauld Gallery, 10 February - 29 May

Visit an exciting new chapter in the career of one of the most celebrated and important painters working today, Peter Doig. It is the first exhibition by a contemporary artist to take place at The Courtauld since it reopened in November 2021 following its acclaimed redevelopment. Since relocating to London, Doig has been developing paintings started in Trinidad, New York and elsewhere, which have been worked up alongside completely fresh paintings, including a new London subject. The works produced for the exhibition at The Courtauld convey this particularly creative experience of transition, as Doig explores a rich variety of places, people, memories and ways of painting.

### THE ROSSETTIS Tate Britain, 6 April - 24 September

This exhibition follows the romance and radicalism of the Rossetti generation, through and beyond the Pre-Raphaelite years: Dante Gabriel, Christina and Elizabeth (née Siddal). Visitors will get to experience world-renowned works from their boundary-pushing careers. The Rossettis' approach to art, love and lifestyles are considered revolutionary, and this will be thoroughly explored in an immersive show, using spoken poetry, drawings, paintings, photography, design and more.

This is the first retrospective of Dante Gabriel Rossetti at Tate and the largest exhibition of his iconic pictures in two decades.

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