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Alice Neel: Hot Off the Griddle Barbican Art Gallery, until 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.

The Queen and Her Corgis Wallace Collection, until 25 June 2023

Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's longest-serving monarch, is celebrated for her exceptional commitment to public duty and passionate support of charitable causes and national institutions. She is also recognised for the famously close association she developed with Pembroke Welsh corgis, a fearless breed of herding dog, owning over thirty of them throughout her reign. Coinciding with the galleries major exhibition "Portraits of Dogs: From Gainsborough to Hockney" exploring the unique relationship between dogs and humans, this special one-room display celebrates through photographs the unique connection The Queen had with corgis throughout her life.

Souls Grown Deep Like the Rivers Royal Academy of Arts, until 18 June 2023

Discover the Black artists from the Southeastern United States who created some of the most spectacular and ingenious works of the last century. For generations, Black artists from the American South have forged a unique art tradition. Working in near isolation from established practices, they have created masterpieces that articulate America's painful past – the inhuman practice of enslavement, the cruel segregationist policies of the Jim Crow era, and institutionalised racism.

The Van de Velde: Greenwich, Art and the Sea Queen's House, Royal Museums Greenwich, until 14 January 2024

Home to an internationally renowned art collection, Inigo Jones' architectural masterpiece is the first Classical building in the UK. In the winter of 1672-73, two celebrated Dutch artists arrived in London. King Charles II offered them a studio space at the Queen's House in Greenwich. Here they worked, creating royal commissions, magnificent paintings and tapestries, as well as thousands of detailed sketches, drawings and designs. Now, 350 years on from their first arrival in England, the Queen's House will once again become a home for the Van de Velde.

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