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# EXTENDED OPENING HOURS AND A 56 HOUR ROUND-THE-CLOCK OPENING FOR FINAL WEEKEND OF AI WEIWEI

Due to the success of *Ai Weiwei*, the Royal Academy of Arts will be extending opening hours for the exhibition's final four weekends. The exhibition will remain open until midnight on Saturday 21 November, Saturday 28 November and Saturday 5 December 2015. For the first time in the Royal Academy's 247th year history, 56 hours of round-the-clock entry into the galleries will also take place for the closing three days of the exhibition. *Ai Weiwei* will remain open, without closure, for 56 hours from 10am on Friday 11 December until 6pm on Sunday 13 December. During the round-the-clock opening, live performances will also take place throughout the night at the Royal Academy of Arts.

The extended opening hours will provide extra capacity in the gallery for visitors during the final four weekends of the exhibition. Friends of the RA get free access to all exhibitions. Visitors can join the RA Friends Membership Scheme in person and benefit on the day of joining.

The Royal Academy's landmark exhibition of the Honorary Royal Academician, Ai Weiwei is the first major institutional survey of his artistic output in Britain. The exhibition includes significant works from 1993 onwards, the date that marks Ai Weiwei's return to China following more than a decade living in New York. The exhibition also includes new, site-specific installations and interventions by the artist.

Ai Weiwei runs at the Royal Academy of Arts until 13 December 2015.

# AI WEIWEI EXHIBITION DATES AND OPENING HOURS

Open to the public:	Saturday 19 September – Sunday 13 December 2015 10am – 6pm daily (last admission 5.30pm) Fridays until 10pm (last admission 9.30pm)
Extended opening hours:	Saturday 21 November until midnight (last admission 11.30pm) Saturday 28 November until midnight (last admission 11.30pm)
	Saturday 5 December until midnight (last admission 11.30pm)
56 hour opening:	10am Friday 11 December until 6pm Sunday 13 December (last admission 5.30pm on 13 December)

For further information visit <u>www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/ai-weiwei</u> Details about the live performances during the 56 hour around-the-clock opening will be announced in due course.

#### ADMISSION

£17.60 full price (£16 without Gift Aid donation); concessions available; children under 16 and Friends of the RA go free. All tickets include a multimedia guide.

## TICKETS

Tickets for *Ai Weiwei* are available daily at the RA or visit <u>www.royalacademy.org.uk</u>. Group bookings: Groups of 10+ are asked to book in advance. Telephone 020 7300 8027 or email <u>groupbookings@royalacademy.org.uk</u>

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

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