



The Royal Academy of Arts celebrates The Queen's 90th birthday with an awards ceremony recognising figures in the visual arts and architecture

On Tuesday 11 October 2016, the Royal Academy of Arts will celebrate the role of their Royal Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, in her ninetieth year with a reception and an awards ceremony. The Queen will be accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh.

Held in the Fine Rooms at the Royal Academy, the awards ceremony will recognise five individuals who have made a national contribution as practitioners or educators in the fields of visual arts or architecture. The awardees have been nominated by five Royal Academicians; Chantal Joffe, Farshid Moussavi, Grayson Perry, Conrad Shawcross and Yinka Shonibare. The nominees will be announced on 11 October.

The Queen will also be presented with a small bronze replica sculpture of one of the oak trees in Windsor Great Park, which is being produced by Factum Arte.

During the reception, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will meet Royal Academicians, artists and supporters, as well as representatives from the Royal Academies of Dance, Dramatic Art and Music. The Queen last visited the Royal Academy in 2012 for the Diamond Jubilee.

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Notes to Editors

Royal Rota

There will be a Royal Rota in operation for this event. Please contact Connie Fisher, Royal Communications, on 020 7024 4095/07793 850019 or connie.fisher@royal.gov.uk to apply. To apply for the Fixed Position please contact susie.gault@royalacademy.org.uk.

About the Royal Academicians

The Royal Academy of Arts is led by the Royal Academicians (RAs) who are eminent practising artists and architects. Their role is to govern the Royal Academy, they are responsible for its direction and they support the RA's activities and plans for the future. Each Academician is elected by their peers in one of four categories: Painters, Engravers, Printmakers and Draughtsmen, Sculptors and Architects. At any one time there are no more than 80 RAs. They are all practicing professional artists who work in the UK. Of these 80, there must always be at

least 14 Sculptors, 12 Architects and 8 Printmakers; the rest are all Painters. When an Academician reaches the age of 75, they become a Senior Academician. Current Academicians include Phyllida Barlow, David Chipperfield, Michael Craig-Martin, Tacita Dean, Tracey Emin, Antony Gormley, David Hockney, Anish Kapoor, Richard Rogers, Jenny Saville and Alan Stanton. In addition there are Honorary RAs, artists from outside the UK who are elected by Royal Academicians. The RA's Honorary membership includes a breadth of international artists, including Marina Abramović, Ai Weiwei, El Anatsui, Leoh Ming Pei and Marlene Dumas.

[Chantal Joffe RA](#)

[Farshid Moussavi RA](#)

[Grayson Perry RA](#)

[Conrad Shawcross RA](#)

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About the Royal Academy of Arts

The Royal Academy of Arts was founded by King George III in 1768. It has a unique position in being an independent, privately funded institution led by eminent artists and architects whose purpose is to be a clear, strong voice for art and artists. Its public programme promotes the creation, enjoyment and appreciation of the visual arts through exhibitions, education and debate.

The RA is undergoing a transformative redevelopment which will be completed in time for its 250th anniversary in 2018. Led by the internationally-acclaimed architect Sir David Chipperfield RA and supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), the plans will link Burlington House on Piccadilly and Burlington Gardens for the first time, uniting and revitalising the two-acre site. The redevelopment will also reveal the elements that make the RA unique, sharing with the public the historic treasures in its Collection, the work of its Academicians and the RA Schools, alongside its world-class exhibitions programme. For more information on the RA visit www.royalacademy.org.uk/ra250#video

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