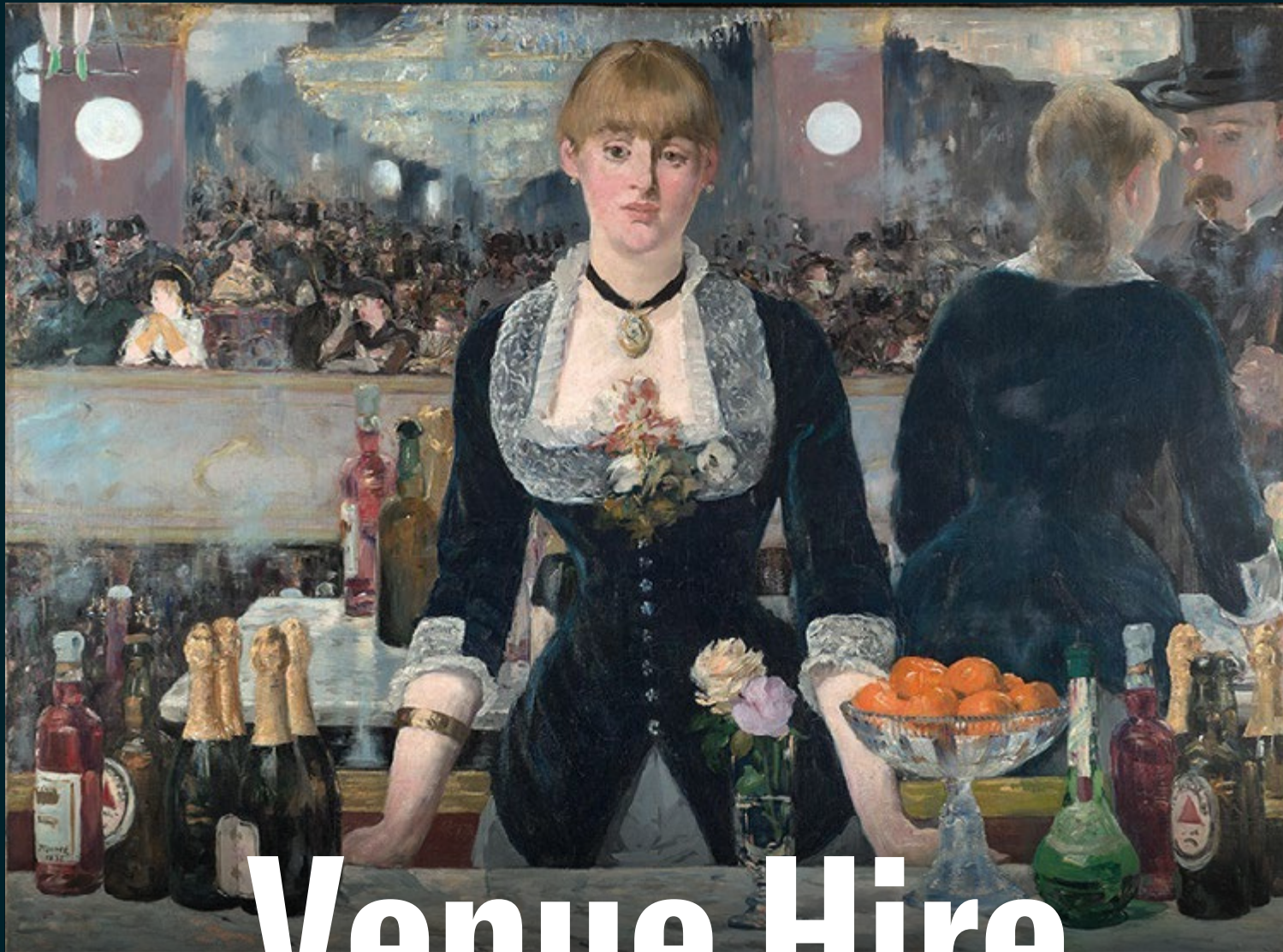


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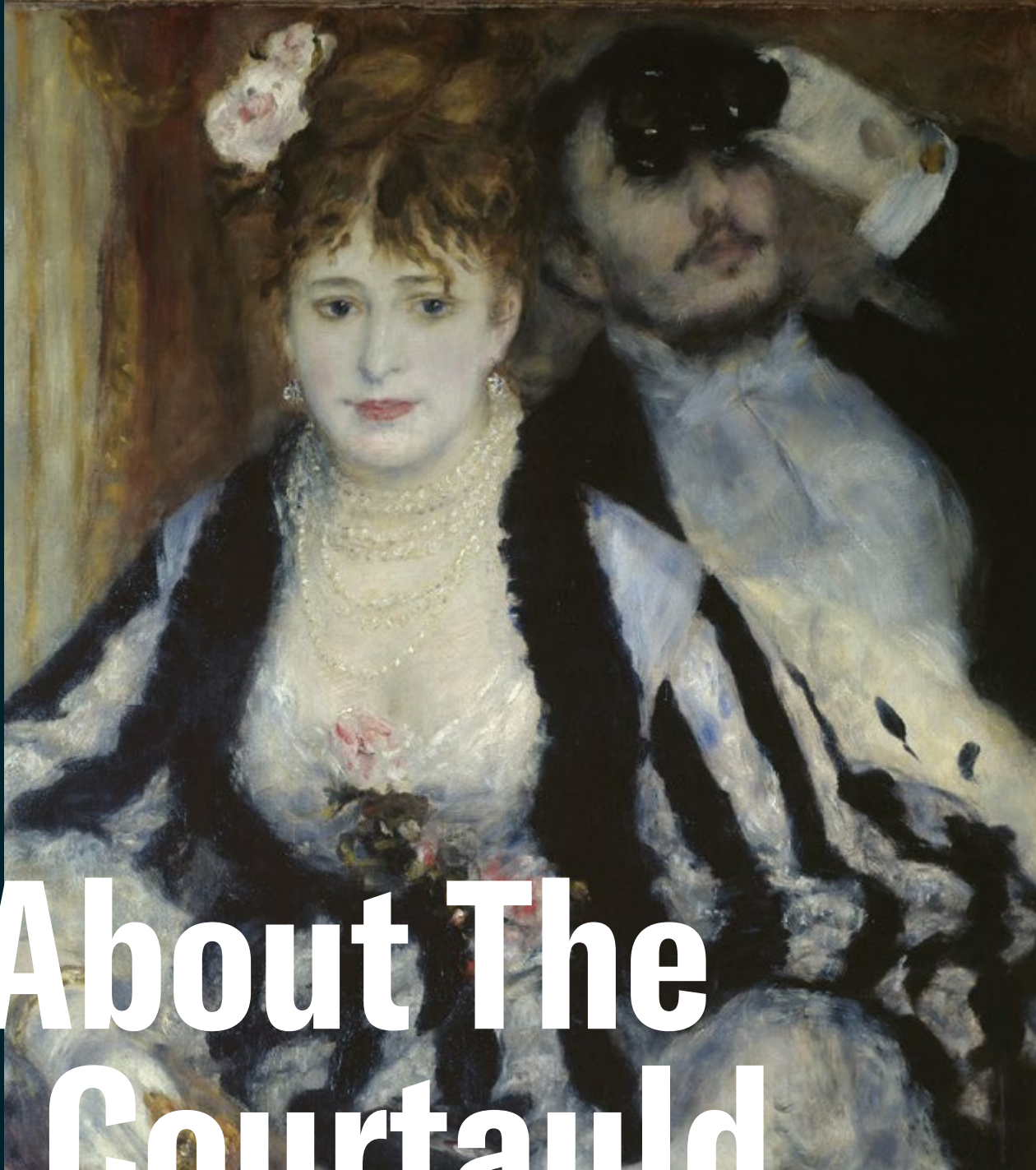
Venue Hire



The Old Masters have never looked so magnificent."

Adrian Searle, The Guardian





About The Courtauld

The Courtauld Institute of Art is a world-leading institution in the study and research of art history.

It is home to one of the greatest art collections in the UK, located in the magnificent historical setting of Somerset House. The collection is renowned for its remarkable Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings, including iconic works by Manet, Degas, Monet, van Gogh, Gauguin, and Cézanne.

Boasting extraordinary newly renovated rooms and spaces, The Courtauld offers exceptional opportunities for entertaining in one of the most prestigious buildings in central London. Immerse your guests in an inspirational setting surrounded by art curated with the utmost academic rigour.

Hiring The Courtauld for an event is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate your support for the arts, and provides vital income for The Courtauld to continue to be a cultural leader.

Explore The Courtauld Gallery with a virtual tour [here](#).



Second Floor



Blavatnik Fine Rooms

The elegantly restored Blavatnik Fine Rooms showcase some of the greatest and most-loved works from The Courtauld's Collection from the Renaissance through to the 18th Century. A major highlight is Botticelli's large-scale *The Trinity With Saints*. Also featuring a room dedicated to works by Peter Paul Rubens, and a comprehensive collection of decorative arts including ornate ceramics.

Three of the most prominent artistic, scientific and historical societies had their meeting rooms in these spaces – the Royal Academy, Royal Society and Society of Antiquaries. The architect of Somerset House, William Chambers, was a founding member of the Royal Academy and made sure its rooms on this floor were sumptuously decorated with stunning ceilings, beautiful fireplaces and ornate door handles.

A suite of six galleries spanning the entire second floor of the building makes it possible to host a standing reception for up to 250 guests, or an intimate seated dinner for up to 60 in the Rubens and Baroque Room.

Capacities

250 reception / 60 dinner

Prices

Breakfasts from £4,500 + VAT

Receptions from £10,500 + VAT

Dinners from £12,500 + VAT



Third Floor



LVMH Great Room

The spectacularly restored LVMH Great Room is the home of masterpieces from The Courtauld's world-renowned Collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings. Highlights include Manet's *A Bar at the Folies-Bergère* (1882), *Van Gogh's Self-Portrait with Bandaged Ear* (1889), and the most significant collection of works by Cézanne in the UK.

The LVMH Great Room is London's oldest purpose-built exhibition space and was the former home of the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition. Previously subdivided, the newly renamed LVMH Great Room has been reinstated to its original breath-taking proportions and provides an unforgettable new space for events.

The LVMH Great Room is directly adjacent to our special exhibition space, the Denise Coates Exhibition Galleries, providing the perfect setting for a reception with private view of a major exhibition.

Capacities

150 reception / 60 dinner

Prices

Breakfasts from £4,500 + VAT

Receptions from £10,500 + VAT

Dinners in the Great Room are limited and can be quoted on request

Private View in the Denise Coates Exhibition Galleries £1,500 + VAT

Private View in the Katja and Nicolai Tangen 20th Century Gallery £1,000 + VAT



SPECIAL EXHIBITION



An impressionist painting with a warm, hazy atmosphere. The top half features a bright, glowing yellow and orange light source, possibly a sun or moon, with soft, blended colors of pink, purple, and blue. The bottom half is dominated by a large, dark, vertical shape that resembles a shadow or a distant building, rendered in shades of blue and purple. The overall texture is soft and painterly, with visible brushstrokes.

Special exhibitions and talks

Elevate your event with exclusive access to one of The Courtauld's special temporary exhibitions. Offering your guests a private view of our otherwise ticketed exhibitions is a fantastic addition to any event. Alongside private venue hire, private views can take place in the morning before the Gallery opens to the public, or after our doors have closed in the evening.

Our expert guides can be booked to give an informative introduction to guests. Gallery highlights and thematic tours can be arranged to enable your guests to experience expert insight into key works from the Collection.

Prices

Private View in the Denise Coates Exhibition Galleries £1,500 + VAT*

Private View in the Katja and Nicolai Tangen 20th Century Gallery £1,000 + VAT

*in conjunction with venue hire booking

Courtauld expert talk £300 + VAT per hour*

The Courtauld | 2026 Exhibition Programme

The Courtauld runs three major shows annually, with additional displays and collections opening throughout the year. [Read more.](#)



The Griffin Catalyst Exhibition: Seurat and the Sea 13 Feb - 17 May 2026

In 2026, The Courtauld will present the first ever exhibition dedicated to the seascapes of the French artist Georges Seurat (1859–1891).

This major, focused display will be the first devoted to Seurat in the UK in almost 30 years. It will chart the evolution of his radical and distinctive style through the recurring motif of the sea.



Hepworth in Colour 12 June – 6 Sep 2026

Barbara Hepworth is best known for her abstract sculptural forms inspired by nature and the rugged seaside landscapes of Cornwall, where she lived and worked.

This ambitious exhibition will be the first to explore a less familiar aspect of her work, the artist's lifelong fascination with colour, which she used in highly original and unexpected ways.



Salman Toor: Someone Like You 2 Oct 2026 - 10 Jan 2027

The Courtauld Gallery will present the first solo exhibition in Europe of the acclaimed New York-based painter Salman Toor (b.1983).

The exhibition focuses on Toor's exploration of human interactions and the desire and struggle to belong, culturally and emotionally. It will bring together around 20 of the artist's most iconic, thought-provoking and yet humorous paintings that represent people in shared moments of friendship and love, as well as experiencing solitude and alienation.

A spell-binding exhibition programme



"An unprecedented and not-to-be-missed show"

The Times

Van Gogh. Self-Portraits, Feb 2022 - May 2022



"An excellent showcase for the most influential painter
of his Generation"

The Independent

Peter Doig, Feb 2023 - May 2023



"Spellbinding"

Evening Standard

Claudette Johnson: Presence, Sep 2023 - Jan 2024



"An extraordinary feat"

The Independent

Monet and London. Views of the Thames, Sep 2024 - Jan 2025





The Courtauld Terrace

Positioned in the north-west corner of the iconic Somerset House courtyard, The Courtauld Terrace offers intimate outdoor entertaining for up to 60 guests. Pair a spring or summer reception with a private view of The Courtauld's award-winning galleries, boasting one of the most impressive collections of Impressionist art in the world. Guests can enjoy paintings by Van Gogh, Cézanne, Manet and other famous names with an expert tour that unlocks fascinating stories, before enjoying a relaxed reception al fresco. The Terrace leads on from the striking Courtauld vaults, with a permanent bar and décor that changes with the seasons and shows. It also offers a wet weather option if needed.

Capacities

60 reception/40 dinner

Prices

Receptions from £5,500 + VAT

Dinners from £8,500 + VAT

Private view from £1,500 + VAT

Venue hire and catering packages
available on request

Art Café



Striking, stylish yet relaxed and welcoming, Art Café is The Courtauld's new restaurant and bar located on the ground floor. The warm vibrant interior has been inspired by the bohemian creativity of the Bloomsbury Group; and a colour palette favoured by the designs and creations of the Omega Workshop.

Art Café is a great option for a light breakfast and a private view of an exhibition before the Gallery opens to the public.

Capacities

80 reception

Prices

Breakfasts from £1,500 + VAT

Receptions from £3,000 + VAT

Breakfast and Private View £3,500 + VAT



Rates and timings

Gallery

Event Type	Timings	Capacity	Price (ex. VAT) from
Reception (two floors)	18.45 - 21.00	up to 300	£18,500
Reception (one floor)	18.45 - 21.00	up to 250	£10,500
Dinner	19.00 - 22.00	up to 60	£12,500
Breakfast	08.00 - 10.00	up to 150	£4,500

Art Café

Reception	18.45 - 21.00	80	£3,000
Breakfast	08.00 - 09.30	80	£1,500

Elevate your event

Private view - special exhibition	Add on	£1,500
Courtauld expert talk	Per hour, pro rata	£300
Overtime	Per hour, pro rata	£1,000
Courtauld shop	For duration of event	£600

Second Floor

Reception 250
Dinner 60

Third Floor

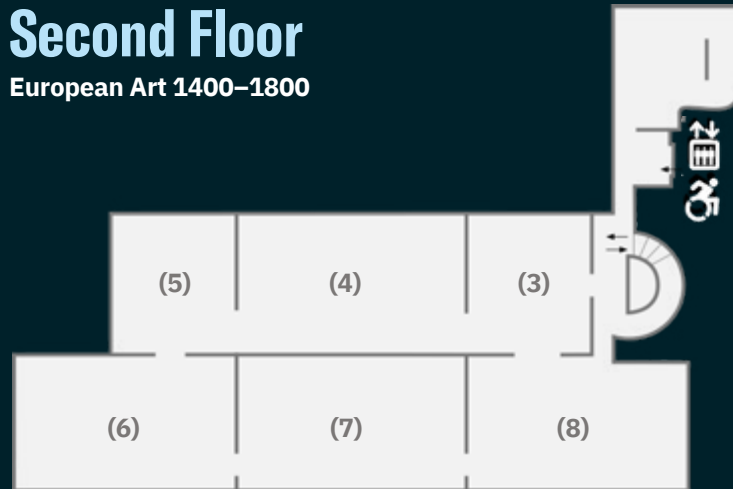
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Second Floor and Third Floor

Reception 300

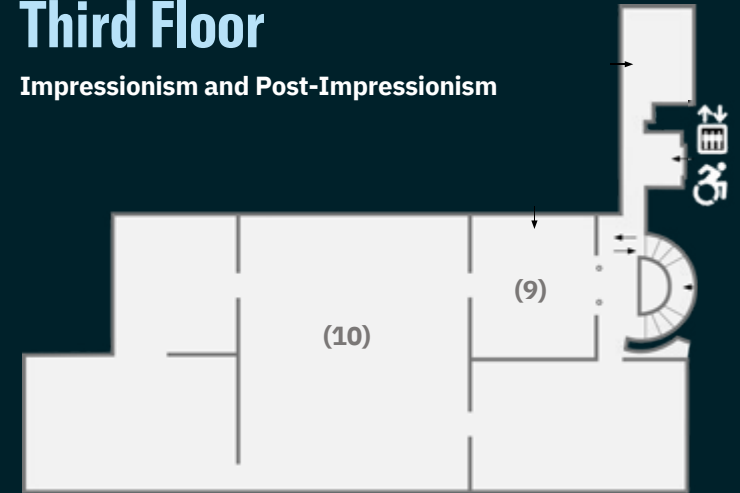
Second Floor

European Art 1400–1800



Third Floor

Impressionism and Post-Impressionism



Capacities and Floorplans

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Corporate Membership

PRIORITY EVENT DATES

The Courtauld Corporate Membership offers an exceptional opportunity to engage with arguably the best university for art history in the world through its academics, researchers, curators and worldwide network of alumni. Corporate Member's enjoy a free ticket allocation, access to priority dates around exhibitions, 20% discount to venue hire as well as a host of other benefits.

Annual Corporate Membership from £10,000 + VAT

Please contact the Events and Engagement team for more information:

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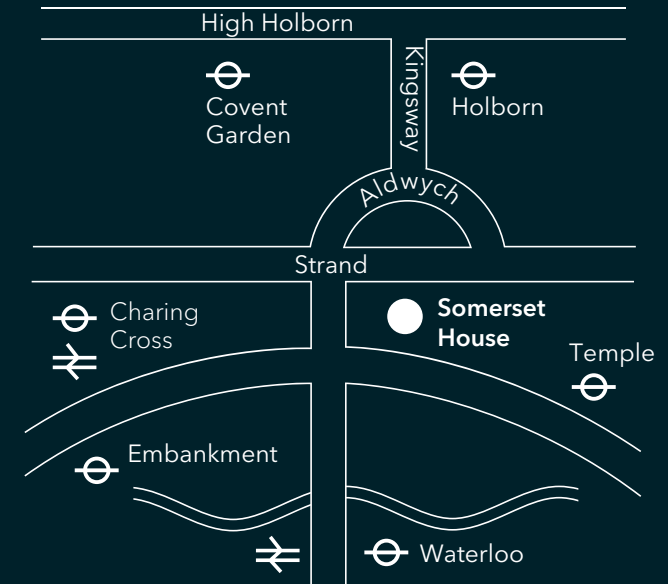
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