



ART UK

Become a
partner in Art UK

Welcome to the nation's art

Art UK is the new digital platform for the nation's art. Art UK enables UK collections to collaborate effectively as a group by showcasing art in the UK to audiences around the world. We invite your collection to take a stake in this national initiative by becoming an Art UK Partner. Over 600 collections have already joined.

Five reasons to be a Partner

- Generate commercial income for your collection from the Art UK Shop
- Add other digitised artworks to Art UK from your collection
- Promote your events and exhibitions
- Connect with other UK art collections
- Help make Art UK sustainable

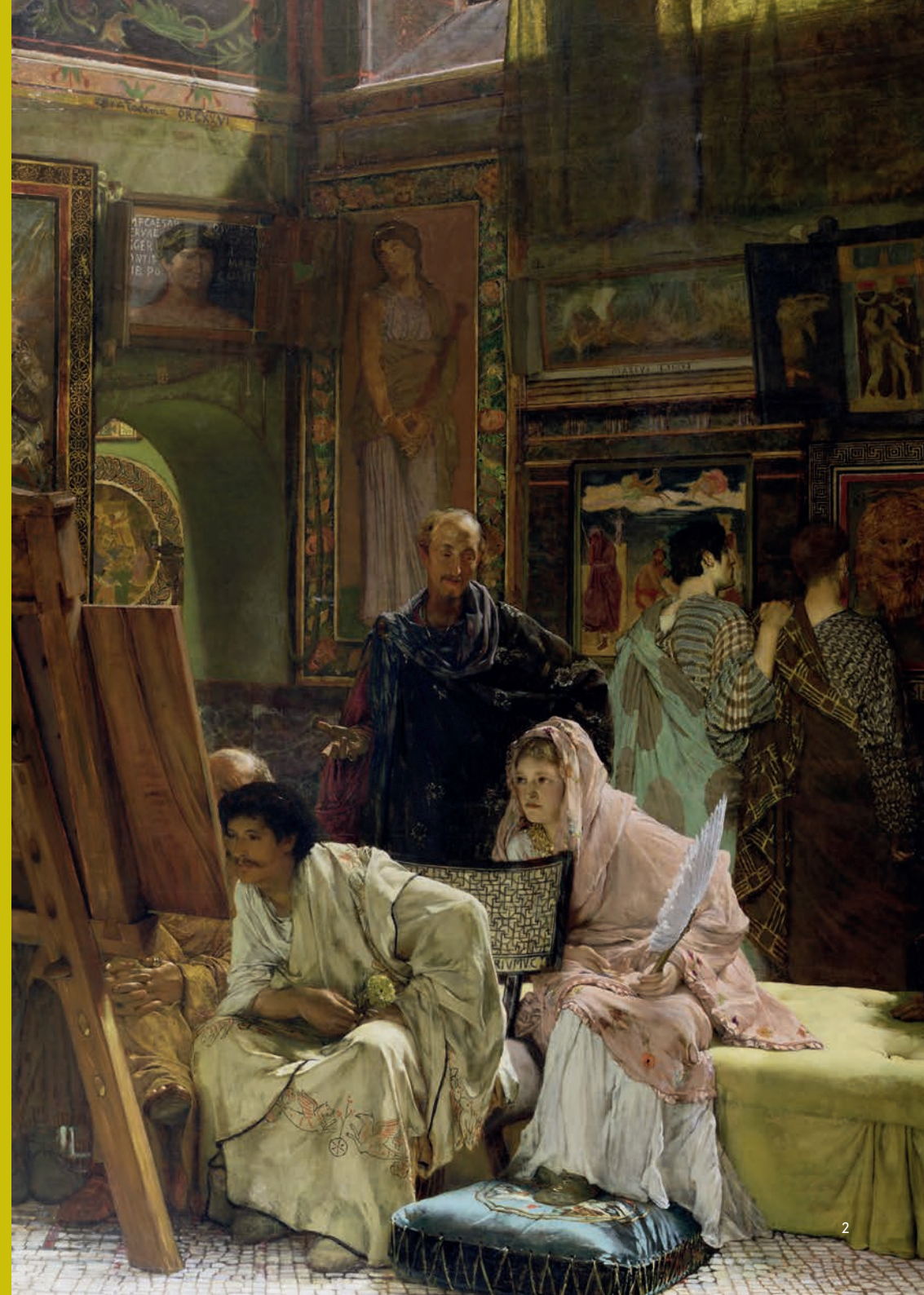
Lawrence Alma-Tadema (1836-1912)
The Picture Gallery (detail), 1874
Oil on canvas, 218 x 166 cm
Towneley Hall Art Gallery & Museum

–
Front cover

Joseph Edward Southall (1861-1944)
Up from the Sea (detail), 1920
Tempera on fabric, 31 x 41 cm
Nottingham City Museums
and Galleries



Welcome to the nation's art





Become a Partner in Art UK

Art UK brings shared economic benefits to UK collections. In partnership with 3,000 participating venues, Art UK has created unique access to the entire collection of the UK's publicly owned oil paintings. Now, as Art UK grows, partner collections are starting to add prints, drawings and watercolours, making the platform an even more comprehensive showcase of the nation's art.

Art UK was launched in 2016, replacing Your Paintings, which we ran in partnership with the BBC between 2012 and 2016. The BBC remain the lead partner in Art UK, and drive traffic to the site by curating content and putting in place links across bbc.co.uk.

Art UK has been built with the assistance of Arts Council England, with some support from the Scottish Government, but we receive no regular UK government funding, no public sector support and no BBC funding. We rely on the support of private charitable foundations and philanthropists for our core funding, but this is becoming more difficult to sustain.

As a result, Art UK is now asking collections that benefit from the platform to help us develop a strong, sustainable, shared digital showcase of UK public art. We are asking collections to become Partners in Art UK by paying a small annual membership fee.

Art UK Partners will receive specific benefits in return for their institutional support, including participation in the Art UK Shop. A full list of benefits is provided on pages 9-10.

Richard James Wyatt (1795–1850)
*Nymph Removing a Thorn from a
Greyhound's Foot*, 1848

Marble

Leeds Museums and Galleries

ART UK

Welcome to the nation's art

About Art UK

Art UK is an award-winning dynamic online platform, responding to emerging digital trends, user needs and behaviours. It is bringing substantial benefits to both collections and audiences. It is free to access and non-profit making.

New features for collections

Collections are now able to access Art UK through their own interface – the Collections Portal – giving them more control over their online content. The website actively encourages users to make visits to collections by allowing browsers to search by postcode for collections, and including an events and exhibitions feed provided by Culture24.

Content

The UK's collection of publicly owned oil paintings is the core content on Art UK, but partner collections have now started to add existing digitised artworks in other mediums, for example watercolours and drawings. As Art UK digitises other public art through funded programmes, collections will benefit from free digitisation and these objects will join the site.

Art UK has received round-one HLF funding to digitise the nation's sculpture collection. If we are successful in our round-two application, we intend to begin photography of the estimated 100,000 publicly owned sculptures in the UK by mid-2017. Every UK sculpture will be catalogued, and highlights from each collection will be photographed, with the high resolution photographs being given to collections free of charge. A high profile learning and engagement programme drawing attention to the UK's rich sculptural heritage will be delivered alongside the cataloguing project.

Art UK Shop

Art UK Partners are now able to participate in the Art UK Shop. Launched in November 2016, the Shop currently offers print on demand and licensing. Throughout 2017, more Partner collections will be encouraged to participate, and collections will be able to upload their own merchandise to sell through Art UK's Shop.

Collections will be able to list merchandise for sale, and apply the relevant commercial licences to their artworks, directly through the Art UK Collections Portal. Customers may order a print from Manchester Art Gallery, a scarf from Pallant House and a book from Aberdeen Art Gallery and pay for these in one transaction through a single shopping basket. Our vision is that the Shop will, in time, become a single port of call for shoppers wishing to purchase a unique gift from the UK's cultural sector.

Print on demand is fulfilled by the supplier; licences are granted by Art UK (if collections have given the relevant permissions). Art UK does not take a share of the revenue from the shop – this is split between the collection and the supplier.

www.artuk.org



Discover **213,722 artworks**. Explore **3,256 venues**. Meet **38,402 artists**.

New story: [It's getting cold out there: frost fairs on the Thames.](#)



Promotion

The BBC, working in partnership with Art UK, will focus on telling the stories behind the art through curated online content and related broadcasts such as the recent BBC Four series with Bendor Grovesnor and Jacky Klein: *Britain's Lost Masterpieces*. This will bring Art UK to the attention of BBC's global audiences.

Art UK offers a powerful elastic search facility, and is rich in both links back to collections and links onwards to audio, video and Oxford University Press resources.

Audience participation

There is an emphasis on encouraging audiences to participate in rewarding digital activities. Art Detective enables the general public and art historical specialists to contribute knowledge about the national collection. The Art UK newsletter is emailed every two weeks to nearly around 13,000 subscribers. It regularly features competitions that generate high entry levels. Art UK actively engages with our audience through social media and works on behalf of collections to drive traffic to their own social medial channels.

Connecting collections

Importantly, this partnership between UK art collections is allowing them to collaborate effectively as a group in growing their digital audiences. The initiative is creating a shared national resource for all public art collections to use, with a strong public face.

Joan Gillchrest (1918–2008)
The Newlyn Exhibition (detail), 1979
Oil on board, 70 x 57 cm
Newlyn Art Gallery

ART UK
Welcome to the nation's art

PARTNERSHIP LEVEL	GREEN	YELLOW	RED	BLUE	GOLD
Annual fee (ex. VAT)	£50	£100	£250	£500	£1,000
Total number of artworks on Art UK	1-24	25-99	100-499	500-999	1,000+
BENEFITS					
Generate commercial revenue through the Art UK Shop	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Link back to your collection's e-commerce opportunities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Add other digitised artworks from your collection to Art UK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Exhibitions and events highlighted on Art UK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Submit features for Art UK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discount on PCF Commercial Digitisation Services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rights clearance requests forwarded	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
50% discount on PCF books (+p&p)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Submit news or stories for Art UK newsletter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access research commissioned by Art UK about digital technology and audience behaviour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Include your collection's tweets on Art UK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use of the Art UK Partners branding	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Priority photography of your sculpture collection in your region*		✓	✓	✓	✓
Opportunity to participate in PCF outreach initiatives including Masterpieces in Schools and Sculpture in Schools			✓	✓	✓
Art UK traffic analytics for your collection and across the UK				✓	✓
Use of Art UK contact list of public subscribers**					✓

VAT will be charged on top of the above prices.

*Subject to the PCF receiving round two HLF funding to catalogue sculpture in 2016/2017.

**Subject to subscribers allowing their contact details to be shared.

Current Partners

Over 600 collections have already joined Art UK as Partners. These include almost all the nationals, large regionals and many smaller collections from across the UK. To see who has already joined in your area, please go to www.artuk.org. For more information about partnerships, please contact Camilla Stewart (camilla.stewart@artuk.org).



PCF photography in the canteen
at UWIC Cardiff © Dan Brown

–
Back cover

Masterpieces in Schools: primary
school children in Stretford
looking at L. S. Lowry's *Market
Scene, Northern Town*. © BBC

ART UK

Welcome to the nation's art

Explore and discover

ART UK

the nation's art

www.artuk.org
info@artuk.org
020 7927 6250