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SUCCESSION STAR BRIAN COX VISITS HIS FAVOURITE GALLERY IN LATEST SERIES OF PODCAST MEET ME AT THE MUSEUM

- Series 7 available from 14 April 2022
- New episodes with actor Siobhan McSweeney, comedian and actor Isy Suttie and journalist and presenter Poppy Begum
- The podcast visits museums including the Scottish National Gallery, the Wellcome Collection, and the V&A
- A live recording will be hosted by comedian Russell Kane at Manchester’s HOME on Saturday 18 June as part of one-day festival Art Assembly

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Succession star Brian Cox is among the well-known personalities visiting museums across the UK in the latest series of Art Fund’s award-winning podcast Meet Me at the Museum.
The first episode sees the Emmy-winning actor exploring the Scottish National Gallery - his favourite institution in the world - together with fellow Dundonian actor Ava Hickey, Cox indulges his passion for Scottish art, exploring some of the most iconic paintings in Scotland’s art collection, including John Duncan’s Saint Bride, and talking of his interest in the Colourists, the Glasgow Boys and Joan Eardley. The episode explores some of the gems from the Scottish National Gallery’s collection, including a Rembrandt self-portrait and Sir Edwin Landseer’s The Monarch of the Glen, one of the most famous British pictures of the 19th century.

Other episodes in the series feature actor Siobhan McSweeney, best known for her role as Sister Michael in Channel 4’s Derry Girls, who visits the Wellcome Collection in London, and journalist and presenter Poppy Begum, who explores the Asia collections at the V&A.

A live recording of the podcast will be hosted by Russell Kane at Manchester’s HOME on Saturday 18 June during Art Assembly, a one-day festival of art and creativity in the city, presented by Art Fund and a collective of local leading arts organisations.

First launched in 2018 and produced by Art Fund, the national charity for art, Meet Me at the Museum gives insight into the vast cultural offer across the country, taking listeners to places that provide inspiration and spark conversation. It won the silver award for best branded podcast at the British Podcast Awards 2020. The seventh series, produced by Whistledown Productions and hosted by Acast, launches on Thursday 14 April 2022.

New episodes of the podcast will be landing each week, featuring:

- Actor Brian Cox at the Scottish National Gallery, Edinburgh
- Actor Siobhan McSweeney at the Wellcome Collection, London
- Comedian and actor Isy Suttie at Creswell Crags Museum, Worksop
- Journalist and presenter Poppy Begum at the V&A, London
- Comedian Suzi Ruffell at Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes

Guests from previous series of the podcast have included Elizabeth Day, Mel Giedroyc, Edith Bowman, Jack Lowden, Kirsty Wark, Benjamin Zephaniah, Fi Glover, Jane Garvey, Lemn Sissay, Miles Jupp, Aninka Rice, and Jackie Kay, and featured a diverse range of UK museums and galleries including the Imperial War Museum, the Horniman Museum and Gardens, the National Football Museum, V&A Dundee, the International Slavery Museum, Cardiff Castle, the Barbara Hepworth Museum and Sculpture Garden, the Whitworth art gallery, Glasgow Women’s Library, the Freud Museum, and Tate Liverpool.

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About Art Fund

Art Fund is the national fundraising charity for art. It provides millions of pounds every year to help museums to acquire and share works of art across the UK, further the professional development of their curators, and inspire more people to visit and enjoy their public programmes. In response to Covid-19 Art Fund made £3.6 million in urgent funding available to support museums through reopening and beyond, including Respond and Reimagine grants to help meet immediate need and reimagine future ways of working. A further £2 million has been made available for the 2021 Reimagine grant programme. Art Fund is independently funded, supported by the 130,000 members who buy the National Art Pass, who enjoy free entry to over 240 museums, galleries and historic places, 50% off major exhibitions, and receive Art Quarterly magazine. Art Fund also supports museums through its annual prize, Art Fund Museum of the Year. The winner of Art Fund Museum of the Year 2021 is Firstsite in Colchester.

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