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FOLLOW FAMOUS FACES INTO THEIR FAVOURITE MUSEUMS WITH NEW SERIES OF ART FUND'S PODCAST MEET ME AT THE MUSEUM



- Series 6 of the award-winning podcast available from 7 October 2021
- New episodes with comedian and host of The Guilty Feminist podcast Deborah Frances-White, actor Jack Lowden, and writer and photographer Caleb Azumah-Nelson
- The podcast visits museums and galleries around the country including the Horniman Museum and Gardens, the National Museum of Scotland, and the Design Museum

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New episodes of the acclaimed podcast Meet Me at the Museum, which visits museums across the country, launch this week, featuring well-known personalities including actor Jack Lowden and actor and writer Lolita Chakrabarti exploring some of their favourite cultural institutions.

First launched in 2018 and produced by Art Fund, the national charity for art, in 2020 Meet Me at the Museum won the silver award for best branded podcast at the British Podcast Awards. Over its six series, the podcast has given insight into the vast cultural offer across the country, providing inspiration and sparking conversation.

The first episode of the new series sees actor Jack Lowden take his friend and fellow actor Andrew Rothney to the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh, where they indulge their passion for Scottish history and explore the stories of key people and events, including Mary, Queen of Scots and the Jacobite uprisings. Together they discuss how meeting at drama school led to a shared love of castles and adventures, how they've taken on the roles of historical figures as actors, and their own personal connections to the artefacts they discover.

The new series, hosted by Acast, launches on Thursday 7 October 2021. New episodes of the podcast will be landing each week, featuring:

- Actor Jack Lowden at the National Museum of Scotland
- Actor and writer Lolita Chakrabarti at the Horniman Museum and Gardens
- Writer and photographer Caleb Azumah-Nelson at Bristol Museum & Art Gallery
- Deborah Frances-White, comedian and host of The Guilty Feminist podcast, and Russell Tovey, actor and co-host of the Talk Art podcast, at the Design Museum

Previous series have featured famous guests including Mel Giedroyc, Edith Bowman, Kirsty Wark, Benjamin Zephaniah and Russell Kane, and have given a behind-the-scenes look at a diverse range of UK museums and galleries including the International Slavery Museum in Liverpool, the Roman Baths in Bath, V&A Dundee, the Museum of Brands in London, Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, the National Football Museum, the Barbara Hepworth Museum and Sculpture Garden, Glasgow Women's Library and Cardiff Castle.

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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 £2million has been made available for the 2021 Reimagine grant programme. Art Fund is independently funded, supported by the 131,000 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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