

THE HERMITAGE FOUNDATION GALA DINNER
WEDNESDAY, 22nd MAY 2019 at 7.00 pm
THE BARRY ROOMS, THE NATIONAL GALLERY, LONDON



This year, on 22nd May, the Hermitage Foundation UK's Gala Banquet will be held at the National Gallery; which follows the tradition of holding our Galas in the most beautiful historical venues in London – the Raphael Gallery of the Victoria & Albert Museum, the Enlightenment Gallery at the British Museum, Kensington Palace and Spencer House.

With Prof. Mikhail Piotrovsky, Director of the State Hermitage Museum, James Dawnay, Chairman of The Hermitage Foundation and Dr Gabriele Finaldi, Director of the National Gallery, this year's Gala will concentrate on the contemporary. The evening will include an auction of donated works of art which in the past has enabled us to support exhibitions at The Hermitage Museum, including Anselm Kiefer, Zaha Hadid, Tony Cragg, The Chapman Brothers and Sir Antony Gormley.

The evening will begin with a Champagne reception in the Central Hall, which has an elevated glass rooftop with an intricately decorated ceiling of golden leaves and a display of 17th Century Italian Baroque paintings. You will then dine in The Barry Rooms, an impressive space with a spectacular domed roof, ornamental marble pillars and British portraits lining the walls. Also referred to as the Dome Room, the Barry Rooms opened in 1876 as part of the Edward Middleton Barry extensions and are arranged in the form of a Greek cross. A variety of paintings by Canaletto (1697–1768) also hang within these rooms, including *A Regatta on the Grand Canal*, shown below.



You are invited to take part in this great evening celebration. Tables for ten cost £10,000 or individual tickets can be purchased at £1,000 per head. Two exclusive Platinum Tables at £20,000 will also be available.

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