

News Release

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COLUMBIA THREADNEEDLE SUPPORTS NATIONAL GALLERY'S TAKE ONE PICTURE EXHIBITION, INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION OF YOUNG ARTISTS

- *Take One Picture exhibition open 4 June to 31 August 2026*
- *Take One Picture programme engages more than 79,000 children from over 360 schools nationwide*

LONDON, 4 June 2026: From the bustle of a Venetian regatta to imagined worlds beneath the water, children across the UK reinterpreted Canaletto's *A Regatta on the Grand Canal* through curiosity, creativity and bold storytelling. Columbia Threadneedle Investments is proud to continue supporting the National Gallery's *Take One Picture* exhibition for the ninth consecutive year, celebrating the imagination and achievement of primary school children nationwide.

Take One Picture, the Gallery's flagship learning programme for primary schools, places a single painting at the heart of cross-curricular learning. Each year, school children produce artworks created through their questions, learnings, perspectives and experiences. In 2026, more than 79,000 pupils from over 360 schools participated in the programme, with a selection of artwork from 35 schools displayed at the Roden Centre for Creative Learning at the National Gallery.

Since 2018, Columbia Threadneedle Investments and its charity, the Columbia Threadneedle Foundation, has supported over 350,000 children through the *Take One Picture* programme, helping young people build confidence, strengthen language skills and unlock creative potential. By placing art at the centre of education, this initiative nurtures curiosity, encourages collaboration and fosters a lasting sense of belonging in one of the world's great cultural institutions.

As a leading global asset manager, Columbia Threadneedle is committed to excellence, integrity and respect, and to being a responsible corporate citizen. Supporting *Take One Picture* reflects its belief that art is important to a thriving society, enabling new perspectives, advancing collective knowledge and creating opportunities for

future generations. The Columbia Threadneedle Foundation funds long-term charitable partnerships that drive inclusion, empowerment and positive social change.

Laura Cook, Chair of the Columbia Threadneedle Foundation, said: “*Take One Picture* demonstrates the powerful role art can play in shaping children’s learning and development, helping thousands of school children across the UK build confidence, develop visual literacy and creativity.

“As a long-standing partner of the National Gallery, we are proud to continue supporting a programme that uses arts as a catalyst for driving positive social change, creating opportunity, fostering new perspectives and delivering lasting impact for future generations.”

Karen Eslea, Head of Learning and National Programmes at the National Gallery, said:

“*Take One Picture* is a very special programme which has been central to the National Gallery’s work for over 30 years. It is completely free and open to all primary school children across the UK, reaching large numbers and supporting high quality creative learning for all. We know this has a huge impact on children’s lives and learning, and with free teacher training the project has an important and lasting legacy in schools. I couldn’t be more delighted and inspired by this wonderful exhibition – huge congratulations to all the young artists involved!”

For more information on *Take One Picture*, please visit: <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/take-one-picture>

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Credit line: Canaletto, 'A Regatta on the Grand Canal', about 1740 © The National Gallery, London.

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About Columbia Threadneedle Foundation

The Columbia Threadneedle Foundation* works with long-term charity partners to improve individual people's lives and also drive long-term social change. Through the power of art, sport and education as catalyst for change, the Foundation seeks to address critical social issues – inclusion, opportunity, employment, empowerment and mental health.

About the National Gallery

The National Gallery is one of the greatest art galleries in the world. Founded by Parliament in 1824, the Gallery houses the nation's collection of paintings in the Western European tradition from the late 13th to the early 20th century. The collection includes works by Bellini, Cezanne, Degas, Leonardo, Monet, Raphael, Rembrandt, Renoir, Rubens, Titian, Turner, Van Dyck, Van Gogh and Velázquez. The Gallery's key objectives are to enhance the collection, care for the collection and provide the best possible access to visitors. Admission free. More at nationalgallery.org.uk

On 10 May 2024 the National Gallery was 200 years old, and we started our Bicentenary celebration, a year-long festival of art, creativity and imagination, marking two centuries of bringing people and paintings together.

About Take One Picture

Launched in 1995, *Take One Picture* is the National Gallery's countrywide scheme for primary schools. Each year the Gallery focuses on one painting from the collection to inspire cross-curricular work in primary classrooms. The Gallery offers one-day training sessions which give teachers the opportunity to learn about the focus picture and explore the pedagogy and practice of using paintings as a rich resource for child-led, investigative learning. Each year a selection of work produced by schools based on the painting is shown at the National Gallery and published on the website. In order to be considered for the display, schools submit examples of how a whole class or school has used the picture to inspire projects that are child-led and cross-curricular, and through which children have learned a new process and involved people or places in the local community.

Further information about the programme, related CPD courses for teachers, and the annual *Take One Picture* exhibition at the National Gallery can be found at nationalgallery.org.uk/take-one-picture

About Canaletto (1697–1768)

Giovanni Antonio Canal, known as Canaletto, was one of the most celebrated painters of 18th-century Venice, renowned for his detailed and luminous cityscapes. The son of a theatrical scene painter, he developed a distinctive style combining precise architectural detail with a masterful use of light and perspective. His paintings of Venice, including bustling scenes of daily life and grand public events, captured both the beauty and vibrancy of the city, making him highly sought after by European collectors. Canaletto's work continues to shape how Venice is imagined today, celebrated for its clarity, atmosphere and enduring sense of place.

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