

**NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA TO REOPEN 2 JUNE 2020**

The National Gallery of Australia will welcome people back into the gallery from Tuesday 2 June. The re-opening follows recent advice from the ACT Government that galleries can re-open with up to 20 visitors at a time.

National Gallery Director Nick Mitzevich said: “We are excited to be able to lift the covers off the art and once again share our collection and exhibitions with everyone. People have been asking when they can come back and it’s great to be able to name the date.”

“Art has been a salvation for many people in these uncertain times and we know immersion in art and culture will play an important role in bringing our local and national community back together,” he said.

“I am delighted the National Gallery will again be open to the Australian public to provide inspiration, joy and the opportunity for reflection.

“We will of course be ensuring a controlled environment that will safeguard the health and well-being of visitors. The gallery experience will be a little different as we work through the next couple of months, but the safety of visitors and minimising the risk of infection is our main priority.”

Safety measures designed to protect visitors will include timed entry, a 20-person limit in galleries, sanitiser stations throughout the building, additional cleaning and the closure of small exhibition spaces.

Visitors to the Gallery will also need to pre-register for a timed ticketing session.

Guests to the gallery will follow a sign-posted route of the exhibitions *Belonging: Stories of Australian Art* and *XU ZHEN®: ETERNITY VS EVOLUTION*, as well as the International Art collection display. All other exhibitions and displays will be closed for now.

In line with ACT Government recommendations, visitors will also be asked to provide their first name and contact number, which will only be used should contact tracing be required.

Mr Mitzevich said this new way of sharing art would require a little adjustment.

“We ask for your understanding during this time. The important thing is we all play our part to protecting each other and the community as together we reinvigorate Australia’s vibrant cultural and creative sector,” he said.

Further details on the National Gallery of Australia’s safety measures and planning your visit are available at [nga.gov.au/covid-19/](https://nga.gov.au/covid-19/)

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