

Resonate Now

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Hello again!

We hope you are keeping safe and well at home as we continue finding our way through these tricky times of social distancing. Do keep finding those moments to move, go for a walk, listen to music, read a book. It makes such a difference in lifting the spirits up!

This month in our activity letter, the **Wallace Collection** shares some information about their beautiful pieces of art and invite you to perhaps create your own still life at home. We are pleased to occasionally offer socially distanced private tours of the Collection, do get in touch if you might like to visit.

We also include song lyrics to **Autumn Serenade** on the last page.

If you are a music fan and have access to a computer you can find suggestions for online activities in the **What's On** section. This includes information about our upcoming **Opera for Thought** project in partnership with Opera Holland Park. Let us know if you would be interested in attending!

As always, do keep in touch and let us know what you are up to at home.

Happy Resonating!

Julie and Jude

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The Wallace Collection in Manchester Square is home to a wonderful collection of paintings, sculpture, furniture, arms, armour and porcelain. It was built over the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries by the Marquesses of Hertford and Sir Richard Wallace. This month they share some highlights from the collection and invite you to perhaps create your own still life at home!



The Wallace Collection



Richard Wallace
Founder

This painting is by a Dutch artist called Pieter de Ring and was painted in 1645. It was thought that there were hidden meanings behind each item.



Take a few minutes to look at the painting.

- What can you see?
- How many different kinds of fruit can you find?
- See if you can spot the lobster!
- It looks rather extravagant, what kind of celebration do you think this would be for?

This was painted during the time of the Dutch Golden Age, when the Dutch developed good trading links overseas and brought exotic fruit to Holland for the first time. Could this painting be read as a celebration or a warning against overindulgence?

Why not create your own still life at home?

See what items you can find in your kitchen and think about how you want to arrange them.

Fruit, vegetables, cups of tea, you can try anything!

Try experimenting with different placements and objects. You can also use simple materials like pencil and paper to draw an outline first of how it might look beforehand.

Once you have created your still life, you might want to draw it or take a picture

Send us any pictures or drawings!

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More about the Wallace Collection:

The collection, founded by the Wallace's, was given to the British Nation in 1897. It was an astonishing bequest and one of the greatest gifts of art works ever to be transferred into public ownership!

Today, they maintain, research, and inspire the public to love and understand the Collection, which is free to access.



When first entering, the public is greeted by the main staircase, creating a rather beautiful and dramatic entrance.

The stairs are considered a work of art in their own right, and are from France, 1720, with the artist unknown.

Visit the Wallace

This month we were pleased to offer socially distanced private tours with Julie and Holly from the Wallace Collection. If you may be interested in visiting, please do get in touch for more information.

Explore the Wallace Collection at home: <https://bit.ly/2HnyXye>

Autumn singing

For any jazz fans, we finish this month's letter with a link to John Coltrane's and Johnny Hartman's **Autumn Serenade**:

Through the trees comes autumn with her serenade.
Melodies the sweetest music ever played.
Autumn kisses we knew are beautiful souvenirs.
As I pause to recall the leaves seem to fall like tears.

Silver stars were clinging to an autumn sky.
Love was ours until October wandered by.
Let the years come and go,
I'll still feel the glow that time can not fade
When I hear that lovely autumn serenade.

You can watch the video here <https://bit.ly/34cDJau>

What's On Online

- Resonate Arts and Opera Holland park are running a six-week opera project on zoom starting Thursday 5th November. Places are limited – for more information and to book please **contact Julie** 07483 433 616 | julie@resonatearts.org
- Singing for the Brain are welcoming new people to join their online **Zoom** sessions. The sessions run on a **Tuesday** afternoon, from **3-4pm**. For more information, please **contact Alexandra**, on 07483 137 522 or alexandra.barton@alzheimers.org.uk
- You can experience wonderful concerts from the comfort of your home with Songhaven at Home. You can **watch videos** here: <http://songhaven.co.uk/> Or sign up to their mailing list on their website to receive new recordings every 2-3 weeks.
- Wigmore Hall are streaming live concerts across their Autumn season on youtube **Find out more** here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/wigmorehall>