

National Portrait Gallery

The **National Portrait Gallery** is an art gallery in London, England, housing a collection of portraits of historically important and famous British people. It was the first portrait gallery in the world when it opened in 1856.

The gallery moved in 1896 to its current site at St Martin's Place, off Trafalgar Square, and adjoining the National Gallery. It has been expanded twice since then.

The National Portrait Gallery (NPG) also has three regional outposts at Beningbrough Hall, Bodelwyddan Castle and Montacute House. It is unconnected to the Scottish National Portrait Gallery in Edinburgh, with which its remit overlaps.

The gallery is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.



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Charlotte, Emily and Anne, or a sculpture of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert in medieval costume. Portraits of living figures were allowed from 1969. In addition to its permanent galleries of historical portraits, the National Portrait Gallery exhibits a rapidly changing collection of contemporary work, stages exhibitions of portrait art by individual artists and hosts the annual BP Portrait Award.



King Edward II



King Richard II



King Henry IV

John Astley



William Cecil



Thomas Howard



**Mary Nevill,
Lady Dacre**



Sir Henry Unton



Thomas Howard



King Charles II



King Charles I



Henrietta Maria



**Sir Theodore Turquet de
Mayerne**



John Milton



Venetia



Henry Stone



George Jeffreys



James Scott