



*Thomas  
Gainsborough*

*(14 May 1727 – 2 August  
1788)*



**Thomas Gainsborough** was an English portrait and landscape painter. He was born the youngest son of John Gainsborough, a weaver in Suffolk.



**Thomas Gainsborough's house**

*He painted quickly and his pictures are characterized by a light palette and easy strokes. He preferred landscapes to portraits.*



Perhaps the best known to-day of all Gainsborough's portraits is the famous "Blue Boy".

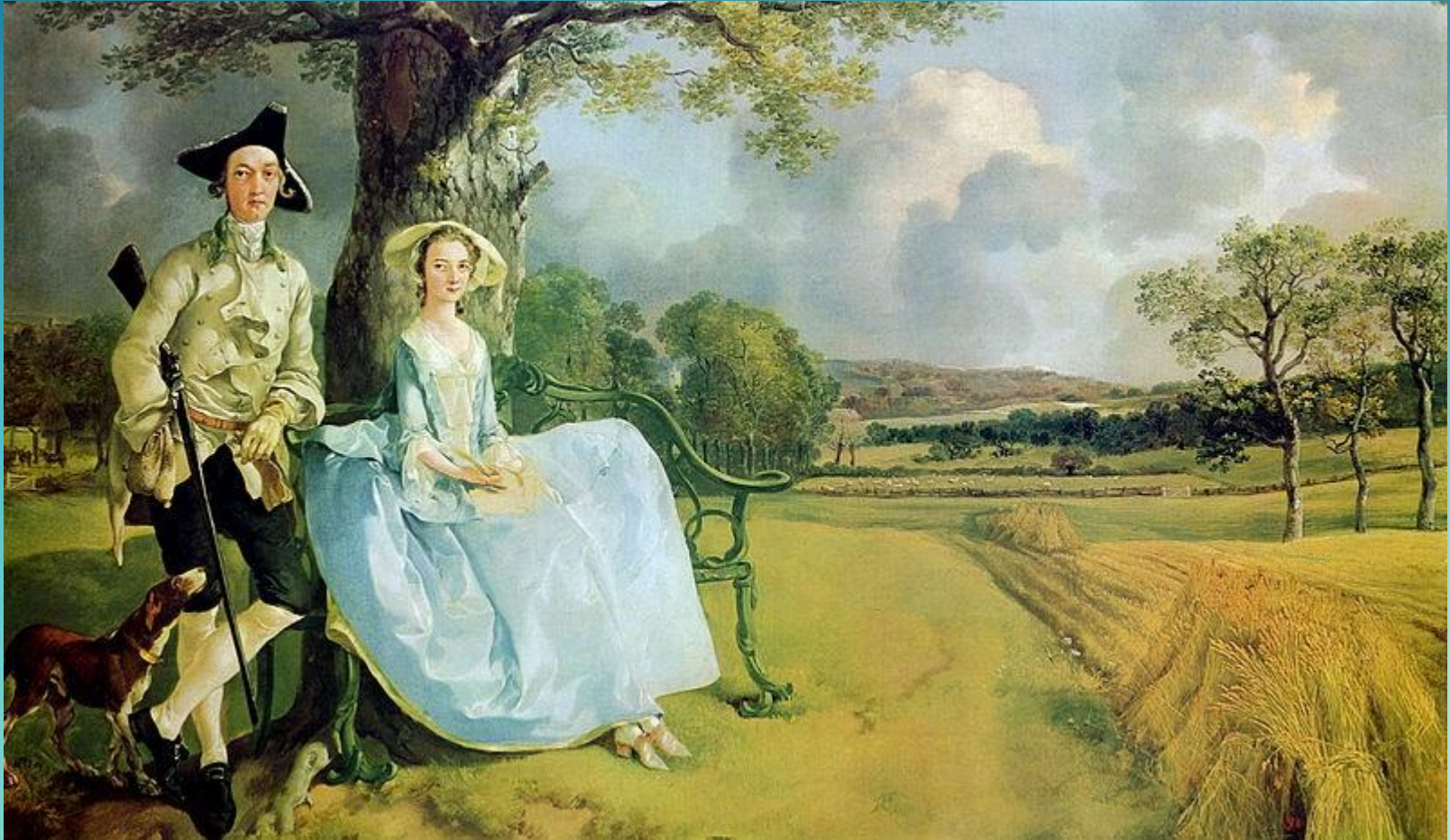


His picture “*The Cottage Girl with Dog and Pitcher*” attracted general attention



# “Mrs. Graham”





**“Mr and Mrs Andrews”**

***“Mrs. Sarah  
Siddons”***







***“The Artist`s Daughters,  
Molly and Peggy”***

*“Johann  
Christian Bach”*





# “Lady in Blue”

**This portrait, one of Gainsborough's most successful paintings, is the artist's only work in the Hermitage.**



*He was in advance of his time. His art  
became a forerunner of the Romantic  
Movement.*