



The Arts Society Chiswick

Morning tour – The Foundling Museum Thursday 5th March

We suggest meeting at The Foundling Museum shortly after 11am for those interested in viewing (on their own) the current exhibition 'Portraying Pregnancy' a major exhibition exploring representations of the pregnant female through portraits, over 500 years. Russell Square is the nearest underground station.

Our guided tour is scheduled for 11.30am (with another tour scheduled at 11.45am should we need to split into 2 groups).

After years of campaigning, Thomas Coram was granted a Royal Charter in 1739 and was finally able to fulfil his wish of establishing his Foundling Hospital. After many years in America he was dismayed to find that while wealthy and a powerhouse of industry, London was also so disease-ridden that many parents chose to abandon their babies in the street rather than care for them themselves. He was determined to do something about this and enlisted the help of influential friends. William Hogarth and George Frideric Handel were supporters, and the Hospital became one of London's most fashionable venues. This in turn led to leading artists donating work with Handel conducting concerts and donating an organ.

From 1741 when the first babies were admitted, to 1954 when the last pupil was placed in foster care, the Hospital cared for and educated around 25,000 children.

Morning Tour - £15.00 per person.

Please complete the booking form below and enclose your cheque payable to **The Arts Society Chiswick** and **send your booking form to:** Mandy Thompson, 5 Ernest Gardens, London W4 3QU. Postal bookings will be acknowledged by email and payment is non-refundable. Should you later find you cannot attend please contact us at visits.tasch@gmail.com and we will do our best to resell your place (priority is given to members on a waitlist). Should you wish to pay directly into the society's bank account please contact us first at visits.tasch@gmail.com to formally request your place and for account details.

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