

Bob Dylan's portraits displayed in London for the first time

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(PRLEAP.COM) A selection of portraits by Bob Dylan will be shown for the first time at the National Portrait Gallery in September - the first time his work will have been seen in a museum in a Britain. The National Portrait Gallery is in Trafalgar Square in the heart of the capital and close to numerous [London hotels](#) to suit all budgets. Visitors looking for hotel rooms in London should see LondonTown.org, London's best website for the latest deals on accommodation in the capital.

Bob Dylan is one of America's most influential and important cultural figures. With over 600 songs, 46 albums and an astonishing 110 million record sales to his name, Dylan, in his sixth decade as a worldwide cultural icon, is turning increasingly to another form of artistic expression; one that has occupied him throughout his life, but for which he is much less well known. The 12 new works to be displayed represent the latest portrait studies from an artist who has sketched and drawn since childhood and painted since the late 1960s, but only began to exhibit his art works six years ago. Bob Dylan: Face Value is different to the National Portrait Galleries usual exhibitions as they are not of subjects from British public life, past or present, nor are they made by a working portrait artist. The portraits represent characters, with an amalgamation of features Dylan has collected from life, memory and his imagination and fashioned into people, some real and some fictitious.

Previous Bob Dylan work has included Drawn Blank, a collection of sketches, published in 1994, and in 2007–8 a series of gouaches and watercolours based on this work was exhibited at the Kunstsammlungen Chemnitz in Germany, and later at the Halcyon Gallery in London. The Brazil Series, exhibited in Copenhagen in 2010, was followed by The Asia Series at the Gagosian Gallery, New York in 2011. Additional exhibitions include The Revisionist Series, at the Gagosian Gallery, New York, in 2012 and The New Orleans Series, which premiered at the Palazzo Reale in Milan in 2013.

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