



BBC Antiques Roadshow comes to Compton Verney

The BBC Antiques Roadshow series will be filmed at Compton Verney Art Gallery and Park in Warwickshire for the first time this summer. The show, which is in its 42nd year, is expected to attract thousands of visitors hopeful of revealing a lost treasure.

Compton Verney, one of the 'Treasure Houses of England' is home to an award winning, nationally acclaimed gallery hosting world class historical and contemporary exhibitions. Amy Banks, Director of Creative and Engagement at Compton Verney says:

"We are delighted that the BBC has chosen to bring the Antiques Roadshow to Compton Verney. The stunning Grade I listed house and its surrounding 'Capability' Brown parkland is a charitable trust set up with the aim of sharing art and the natural beauty of the house and landscape with everyone. This is a fantastic opportunity to welcome thousands of new faces to the venue and we couldn't be happier to know that people will bring their own art and treasures with them. Fingers crossed, we might even find an undiscovered masterpiece."

Filming will take place on Tuesday 2 July hosted by Fiona Bruce and a team of experts ready to examine paintings, jewellery, ceramics, glass and hundreds of other historical artifacts. The show will be aired this autumn and regularly attracts six million viewers. Fiona, who has presented the show for the past 12 years says: "Even after all these years, people still have the most amazing things tucked away in their attics and garages and I can't wait to see what they pull out of their bags and trolleys in 2019."

Robert Murphy, the series producer of Antiques Roadshow, said: "We're thrilled to be bringing the Roadshow to Compton Verney. It's a free, entertaining, family day out and a rare opportunity to go behind the scenes and be a part of one of the BBC's most popular programmes."

Over the years, Antiques Roadshow has uncovered a lost painting by Van Dyke, diamonds sewn into the upholstery of chairs, unseen masterpieces by Mexican artist Diego Rivera and even jewels from The Titanic.





Entry to the show is free, everyone is welcome, and no tickets or pre-registration is required.



Notes for Editors

Compton Verney is home to six permanent collections including British Portraits, British Folk Art, Naples and Northern European Art and one of the finest collections of ancient bronzes outside China. It hosts art exhibitions workshops, a forest school and wellbeing sessions for children and adults throughout the year. Please note: the collections and galleries will not be open to the public on the day of filming.

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BBC Antiques Roadshow Background Information



Expert Andy Mc Connell

- The Roadshow brings together a team of the country's leading authorities on arts and antiques to offer free valuations for your family heirlooms or car boot bargains.
- Each Roadshow event attracts around 4,000 people, who come along to find out if they might own a missing masterpiece and find out the priceless history of their items. Whether it's a £100,000 painting or a £5 cup and saucer, everyone gets an expert opinion on their treasure.
- Visitors are welcome to just turn up on the day but they can also share their stories about the special items they are bringing along. Email shareyourstory@bbc.co.uk with your name, address, telephone number, a description of the item and how you come to own it and a photo. Unfortunately, the BBC cannot consider any submissions without this information.
- Alternatively, write to Antiques Roadshow, BBC, Whiteladies Road, Bristol BS8 2LR. More information, frequently asked questions, and parking information can be found at www.bbc.co.uk/antiquesroadshow or on the show's Facebook page.