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## Barnsley House Art History Study Day with Arcadia Education 'Appraising & Reappraising the Human Form through Art'

- Location: Barnsley House, Barnsley, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 5EE
- **Date:** 03.06.18 | 10:00am 3:30pm (See timings below)
- Cost: £55 to include morning coffee & biscuits, a light lunch and tutoring for the day
- Book Now: Contact Katie Nelson on 07720775087 <a href="mailto:kate@arcadia.education">kate@arcadia.education</a> or Rachel Chadwick on 01285 740000 <a href="mailto:rachel.chadwick@barnsleyhouse.com">rachel.chadwick@barnsleyhouse.com</a>

The ancient Greeks captured perfectly the 'body beautiful' in emulating the idealised athletes and deities of antiquity. Since such time, the nude has continued to be a major concern despite, or maybe because of, its entrenched position in the Western canon. Post-World War Two in particular, four British heavyweights of the figurative tradition sought to reappraise the human form. Starting with The School of London, new approaches to the representation of the body were pioneered by Francis Bacon and Lucian Freud. Both artists explored existentialism, voyeurism and the vagaries of the human condition. Furthermore, in the early twenty-first century, Antony Gormley & Jenny Saville have embraced Damien Hirst's post-Modernist doctrine that 'Art is about life, and it can't really be anything else. There isn't anything else' in exploring gender, identity, feminism and body boundaries. With the media obsession with airbrushed bodies have we completed the circle that began in antiquity? Come and join the debate.

This talk coincides with the excellent 'All Too Human: Bacon & Freud' exhibition at the Tate Britain, 28 Feb - 27 Aug 2018.

## **For further information** please contact:

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## Timings for the day:

09:30 Arrival

10:00 - 11:15 Session 1

11:15 - 11:45 Coffee & biscuits

11:45 – 13:00 Session 2

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch (light lunch is provided)

14:00 - 15:30 Session 3

**Cost for the event £55** (Parking is available at the venue)

**To book a place** and for payment enquiries please contact Katie Nelson on 07720775087