



BP is proud to sponsor this historic exhibition at the National Gallery of Art. Featuring more than sixty masterpieces from the Dutch Golden Age, *Vermeer and the Masters of Genre Painting: Inspiration and Rivalry* has become a global sensation, drawing massive crowds at international venues. We feel honored to do our part in helping Gallery visitors share in the experience and learn more about some of the most celebrated painters of all time.

What makes the Gallery such a special place is not only its extraordinary collection but the fact that its offerings may be viewed free of charge. The Vermeer exhibition represents a remarkable display of artistic genius, and we hope people enjoy it.

Our company has a rich history of supporting the arts in both the United States and the United Kingdom. For example, BP and the BP Foundation have made significant donations to the Art Institute of Chicago and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. In the UK, we have long-standing relationships with the British Museum, the National Portrait Gallery, the Royal Opera House, and the Royal Shakespeare Company. By supporting these institutions, we help connect people with world-class art, music, and social history.

BP's donations to the arts reflect our broader commitment to the communities where our BP employees live and work. We are America's largest energy investor over the past decade, with operations all across the country. From Alaska to the Gulf of Mexico, we produce, refine, move, and market the energy that drives economic growth, while also funding a diverse range of community initiatives. In fact, between 2012 and 2016 alone, BP and the BP Foundation donated \$130 million to US community programs, including education programs for underprivileged children and career transition programs for military veterans.

Our partnership with the National Gallery of Art is part of this wider contribution to society, which is focused on making a real difference in people's lives.