

# Canvas(s) Audio Trail

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## Visitor Feedback

- This audio trail has enabled me to feel an emotional connection, especially considering my disability, I was able to experience the museum in a unique way. Thank you for providing me with an idea that enabled me to experience something different.
- Great Initiative! Thank you for making us look at all these paintings in a different way, both in terms of the sounds, images and feelings you conveyed, but also how people who go through different experiences may see things in a different way and see beauty in things we sometimes take for granted. It was a bit difficult at the beginning to understand how to move around the rooms but we definitely enjoyed this experience and feel more empathy towards refugees and the hardships they may be going through
- Very interesting project. Nice to hear a new dimension and approach to art. Very accessible and engaging narration.
- Extremely inspiring collaboration. Only suggestion would be to split the audio guide into chapters so that you can skip backwards and forward to hear a section more than once
- It was such great luck to find this and hear it. If there was more publicity for this project there would be so many more people who would enjoy it as much as me!
- Very interesting. A different way to visit the gallery and experience the thoughts of other people. Thank you!
- Thank you so much for your contributions and words. A vital and important contribution to this gallery space. Continue to interject!
- This initiative creates a human link with refugees. This can only be a precious thing. Very enjoyable - great idea
- I absolutely loved this! Sounds were beautiful and the way the words were spoken really flowed well. Absolutely loved it!
- A unique experience to share responses to European art from a different perspective! A bit hard to know what to look at when I found myself in the wrong room. Thank you for sharing!
- Very interesting and peaceful, moving dialogue, especially enhanced by such a beautiful and artistic environment
- In an institution so steeped in western elite culture it was wonderfully refreshing to be reminded of the world with which we are not familiar
- It was really original, it's not as the traditional audioguides and the music was great. We have been a bit lost in two rooms but then its easy to return. Great experience.
- It changed the way that I viewed the gallery and made me feel more welcome and inspired me to express myself. It made me want to listen to more things like this because it adds diversity to classic art

- Really enjoyed the responses to the different rooms. Very good to see and hear more attentive interpretations of these works by a younger and more diverse group of poets.
- Nice, graceful voices of people and its very useful audio to understand the gallery. Thanks for giving us this.
- I love the new take on the trail. I thought the poems were fresh and provided a completely new point of view. I hope this can become a permanent feature and I hope that there can be more experimental audio guides like this!
- Great experience! Really nice to see the National Gallery under another light! Thank you
- What a lovely, inspiring and actually very refreshing way to experience the National Gallery. We have come here frequently just to pop in to a few rooms and dip out again and the poetry and sounds added a new layer for me. I think its important to keep engaging new audiences with projects like this. Well done!
- Absolutely brilliant stuff! Loved the song at the end and the whole thing really helped me to navigate the emotions of the paintings whilst learning more about the memories and experiences of the young people. Thank you and well done, what an achievement
- Thank you so much for taking the time to make this happen. The poems are deep, personal and evoke emotion in me that the paintings themselves had not. I'm thankful for all your hard work and I hope the poets themselves embark on a long journey of self expression! Thank you again.
- The audio journey gave the gallery a whole new feeling - a feeling of being transported. The creativity was terrific! I also noticed more of the gallery's physical surroundings. Thanks for making today more interesting and fun!
- Congratulations for this guys! Made the visit so much better !! I wish you all the best of luck in life!
- The Canvas(s) experience was extremely positive. It's amazing how these poems can alter the visitor experience through a new complimentary medium even if the visual aspect remains the same I definitely would look forward to an extension of this experience as a more substantial part of the otherwise traditional museum visit.
- Loved it! Great concept and amazing experience to walk through the galleries and be part of a refugee's observations and responses.
- Really really fantastic! The poetry was fresh and lively. I'd love for this to be available permanently
- The Canvas experience adds an interesting dimension to the museum visit. The poems were full of strength and insight and definitely made the visit more memorable.
- The audio trail was very informative. Description was very detailed. We were able to build a connection through the audio tour with our surroundings. Overall it is a great idea and I hope to see more of this concept being developed everywhere and often!
- Beautiful soundscape and touching stories. You should do more of these things rather than only didactic audio trails
- This was such an enjoyable experience. The poems were interesting listening also to the experiences the young people had back home and their journeys in life. Amazing experience. Would for sure come to events like this - one of a kind and so different.
- I'd love to hear more projects like this at the National Gallery! It was fantastic. It's very inspiring. It made the art and rooms come alive in a new way. I would love to be able to buy the shirts the

staff are wearing. It would be great to be able to speak more with the artists who worked in the project. Loved it thank you!

- I love the experience of the audio trail. Gallery's and exhibitions can be boring if you are a young person without interest in art, so this audio made it interesting to be at the gallery. It is great to hear the young people speak, it helped me understand and made me connect with their life experience and where they came from. I hope people can be more open minded about where people come from after this experience. Loved it!
- I really enjoyed the Canvas audio tour. I spent more time in rooms I usually walk straight through. I especially enjoyed all the poems for Surprised and I would love to have a longer tour in the same style, focusing on other areas in the gallery
- Really interesting response! I think I started in the wrong place but exciting to see different cultures and audiences engaging. Beautiful poetry and recordings - would love to see more of this.
- Felt transported, strangely relaxing. Love it, fab!
- Thank you for the opportunity to hear some else impressions and experiences. It felt very uplifting. This is a great project! Please do more!
- A very powerful, immersive trail. A strong blend of voice and sound directing you to specific paintings and gallery spaces. Central Hall especially evocative plus also the market paintings. The ending poems "I remember..." very powerful statement about crossing borders
- These poets are incredible. What fascinating interpretations of both the art and architecture. This is a lovely project that enhances the gallery viewing experience.
- This was a very good audio service. Because we are students we don't have enough money so we couldn't borrow the National Gallery audio. Thanks to you we enjoy this museum.
- Very powerful, enjoyable and immersive. Also touching about young peoples memories of home and journey. Gave something extra to the walk around the gallery. Would be great as a download.
- An incredible journey that transformed my experience of the gallery today. I won't ever see it the same again. Permission to look differently and to dance whilst looking. I would love to see opportunities for more people to use them and for it to be an ongoing part of the National Gallery visitor experience
- A very moving journey through poetry and the picture of the National Gallery - reminds me of my own wealth and of culture in the UK and how we should welcome. The music was sympathetic to the rooms - the sounds and images - a super project
- Just great! Loved hearing all those different voices and ideas. And the finish at Surprised! was very beautiful and moving
- I have worked at the National Gallery for two years and this is the first time I felt like I could relate my background to some of the most famous paintings and that because of the poems and sounds in this audio tour, its amazing, well done!
- Canvas(s) - your guided tour was beautiful to me and expressed my love for poetry as well as art. The poems were the definition of 'simple yet elegant'. You explained the paintings as if they were one whole painting that everyone could see and I find that intriguing. You all did a fanatic job
- I enjoyed listening to the music but I didn't understand a lot of English. Sorry

- Great for people who are here but please do a video so people at home can watch it
- I found it very interesting and it was very clear and it was fun when we had to look for the painting. I would recommend using this to anyone
- Thank you. I'm from Korea. I have a good time because of your services. Thank you so much.
- Really well put together but I didn't understand what it was about until I started listening. I initially thought it was an audio tour about the paintings
- I really love all pictures by artists from all around the world
- The intention is so good, so why were these young people given no space for an artwork or installation even for 4 hours on one afternoon? The National Gallery is not diverse, has little to offer young people of African heritage and must change!
- I like the lyrics and what they expressed in the music. Proud of what they do.
- I found the gallery very interesting
- Very much enjoyed it, my first time in London. Great time
- It was interesting and entertaining
- I enjoyed all of it and I like the poems the most and I thought that the chosen painting fit well
- Very nice. Interesting, rich poems
- Unsure what pictures I was supposed to be looking at. Signs might be useful.
- The tour with audio trail was really interesting and useful for a better understanding of the gallery
- The audio is really good and full of emotion. It really puts people in the mood for the galleries. Things that could be improved: there are some things that are not written in the canvas notebook and that makes people get a little lost, trying to find the transcription for the audio. Also the map of central hall is not clear. It is easy to go to the wrong place, I don't remember listening to "2 word poems" and interlude. Good luck with the project! It is awesome and full of passion.
- It was an amazing experience to listen to beautiful poetry and look at wonderful art
- I liked the music but I didn't understand what they are saying because I'm Spanish
- I think it was interesting when you were saying what you remembered in your life. I also like when you read out poems. It was very inspiring and fun
- It was great to listen whilst walking. Very inspirational and creative
- Added something to the experience. More interesting walking around with audio
- I would have liked to have more indication of when to move and where to be! Sometimes I couldn't listen to the voices because I didn't know what room to be in. Overall an amazing storytelling experience.
- Very different from any other audio guide and much more like a piece of art itself combining poetry and sounds. Really enjoyed it!
- Positive sounds and background noises. Clear descriptive voices, a different insight into the National Gallery. Negative - confusing where we were meant to start and / or look at.
- Interesting! A different way of watching artworks
- Loved the project. Very moving and interesting. Hope you do it again next year
- Interesting tour, easy to understand
- It was a good experience and is interesting
- I really enjoyed it, keep it up

- Please put a copy on youtube with a video of the pictures. Especially with the guys voice at the beginning of the guide. Thank you
- It is a great companion. Good idea, poems and music makes perfect combination
- The voice at the beginning is very captivating and the words used in each room clearly resublime the room. Some aspects could not be understood
- The audio trail was amazing. My son who is 16 years old really enjoyed the music at the end and also the fantastic poetry. Many thanks
- Lovely idea. Takes more time and looking for the right pictures is confusing
- It was a little hard to understand because we are from Spain but it was good and such a good idea
- I think its really interesting how you propose that and I enjoyed it a lot but I think that at the first moment you don't understand it well
- I enjoyed being disorientated! Can't keep up which room and relative paintings. Enjoyed a trip into space, took me out of my seat, made me lighter
- I really like the beat was interesting, I liked how all the parts came together I don't often listen to this kind of music but I enjoyed it and would do so again
- Keep going you guys, its a great project
- It was great and I recommend it
- Although I didn't get to hear the end this was still a beautiful and comprehensive audio trail. I especially loved how the music and poetry enhanced the mood of each room. Also I appreciated that it gave you time to wander through the rooms without poetry
- Congratulations, great creative project that gives a different atmosphere to the visit of the gallery
- The experience is so funny, I like it and we must repeat it. It was a fantastic and different experience
- The music was very good but really strange. It was a pleasure
- It was good. The music is good too, I want to repeat
- I love the vivid descriptions of each poem - I can imagine the scene so clearly
- I really liked the music. It went well with the paintings. It created a specific special atmosphere. It added something good. Music created visual stories between the paintings
- It's so repeated because some songs sounds more than one time but its an original idea
- The guide was nice with the point of view of children of refugee origin. The impression of the speakers feels natural
- A beautiful audio trail, very well explained thanks to which I learnt a lot of things
- Even though I didn't understand it all it was a please to listen to the poetry. I see it as a beautiful initiative and I hope the beauty of art can bring people from oppression and state the importance of diversity