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## ‘THE ITALIAN CONNECTION — FOREIGN ARTISTS AND THE LURE OF ROME 1500-1900’

An illustrated talk by Richard Whincop

Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 7.30 pm

The Assembly Room, Council House

North Street, Chichester

Members £10.00 Non members £12.00

Rome has long been a magnet for artists, and from the Low Countries, France and Britain they flocked to cross the Alps to see the treasures of Europe’s cultural capital. In this talk we’ll see Italy through the eyes of famous foreigners such as Van Dyck, Poussin and Turner – and delve into the strange practices of the thriving Northern artists’ colony. We’ll meet some of the illustrious names who won the coveted Prix de Rome to study at the city’s French Academy; and we’ll join some of the British artists who were overawed by the Italian experience on their Grand Tour – as well as one who was singularly unimpressed!

Richard is a figurative artist, designer and lecturer. He combines skills in traditional painting and contemporary design to produce visually arresting works that are rich in meaning. He also uses the latest design software to create innovative artworks tailored to unique architectural spaces. An experienced art history lecturer, Richard lives in Chichester, and works and exhibits worldwide.

*Bruschetta and a glass of wine will be served after the talk.*