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**Online lecture live at 6.00 pm on
Tuesday, 8th September 2020
WILLIAM HOGARTH 1697-1764
Linda Smith**

Hogarth is perhaps best known for his satirical political illustrations and “modern moral subjects” such as *A Rake’s Progress* and *Marriage à-la-Mode* and his works were so popular illustrations in this style are often referred to as “Hogarthian”. There is so much more to the man than that! This talk tracks his career from humble copperplate engraver to successful painter. He was extremely ambitious in other artistic fields, including portraiture, history paintings and writing on art theory. He was a tireless self-promoter and entrepreneur, with a real and practical concern for the status of his profession. He never talked about his early life and his family’s mixed fortunes and this early experience informed the subjects he chose to paint. Linda Smith will show a wide variety of images to demonstrate his exceptional originality and inventiveness. Above all, however, it is his unparalleled eye for absurdity and human weakness which not only tells us so much about his times but gives us food for thought about our own.

We are delighted that Linda Smith is giving our first online lecture. Linda holds two first-class degrees in Art History including an MA from Birkbeck. She has a broad knowledge of art historical subjects, but specialises in British Art and twentieth century art. She is an experienced lecturer and gallery guide, especially at Tate Britain and Tate Modern, where she has worked for the past 17 years. She has lectured to a wide variety of audiences in different venues, including school and university students and independent art societies in the UK and overseas.

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