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Royalty at the Academy

WHAT a banquet last night at the Royal Academy, where the guest of honour was the Duchess of Cornwall. Booker Prize-winner Howard Jacobson gave the address to guests including Chancellor George Osborne, Bank of England Governor Mark Carney, artists Tracey Emin and Grayson Perry (pictured right with Whitworth Art Gallery director Maria Balshaw), the US ambassador Matthew Barzun and Dame Joan Collins, pictured above with the duchess.

The occasion was the Annual

Dinner, held ahead of the opening of the RA Summer Exhibition. Jacobson, claimed the visual could be more engaging than the argued idea – his brother Stephen is an artist. “Look to the left and the right of you,” he told guests. “Is there anyone whose views on anything you really want to hear?”

That put an end to any pontificating going on.



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