

Jacopo Amigoni

The Singer Farinelli and his Friends (1750-52)

A Painting Fit for a King

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Floortalk: Friday 15 September 12.00 midday—1.00 pm



Amigoni's *Portrait Group: the Singer Farinelli & his Friends*, recently cleaned and now looking spectacular, is one of the artist's finest works and proof of his warm affection for his friend and colleague, the singer Farinelli. This talk will discuss the painting within the context of Amigoni's other portraits of Farinelli and its place within the latter's own extraordinary collection.

Mark Shephard is a postgraduate student with an interest in the intersections between art and music in the 17th and 18th centuries. He is also a broadcaster on 3MBS 103.5 FM, where his programme *The Early Music Experience* can be heard on Thursdays at 7pm

Meet at information desk, NGV International, National Gallery of Victoria

Lunch afterwards in the NGV cafe (own expense)

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