

# Making the Difference: Vermeer and Dutch Art

The Ueno Royal Museum : October 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 – February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019

Osaka City Museum of Fine Arts : February 16<sup>th</sup> - May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Two Gabriël Metsu's paintings which will be lent to the exhibition "Making the Difference: Vermeer and Dutch Art", *Man Writing a Letter* and *Woman Reading a Letter*, are both from the National Gallery of Ireland. These are thought to have been painted as pair, with an imaginative interpretation that the woman is reading a letter written by the man in the pendant piece.

Both works have never been lent to other art museums therefore it is miraculous that we can borrow this as a pair, to be seen side by side in Japan .



*Man Writing a Letter*



*Woman Reading a Letter*