

Harold Gilman (1876 - 1919)

Artist Facts:

- Harold Gilman was a British painter born in Somerset. His work often included interiors, landscapes and portraits.
- Harold was part of a group of English Post-impressionist artists that took inspiration from artists such as Vincent van Gogh.
- His work often included bold colours and strong brush marks.



Artwork title: Portrait of a Black Gardener
Date: 1905
Medium: Oil on canvas

Artwork Facts:

- This painting, a rare portrait of a gardener shows a man of African descent.
- The image is very important as previously black people in British art were not painted in everyday clothing. Instead they had been shown in 'exotic dress', appearing in historical or genre scenes.
- The painting is exhibited at the Garden Museum because of its celebration of gardening and gardeners



Artwork title: Harold Gilman's House
Date: 1912
Medium: Oil paint on canvas

In 1912 Harold Gilman lent his house in Letchworth to the painter Spencer Gore. During his stay he painted much of the surrounding countryside including Harold's own garden.