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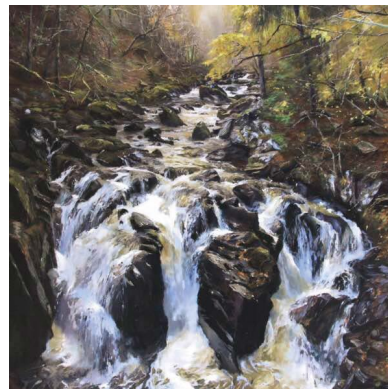


This Moon Jar by ceramicist Ruth Elizabeth Jones with a digital projection by Emma Varley is part of their collaboration for this year's Spring Fling. See ARTS NEWS.



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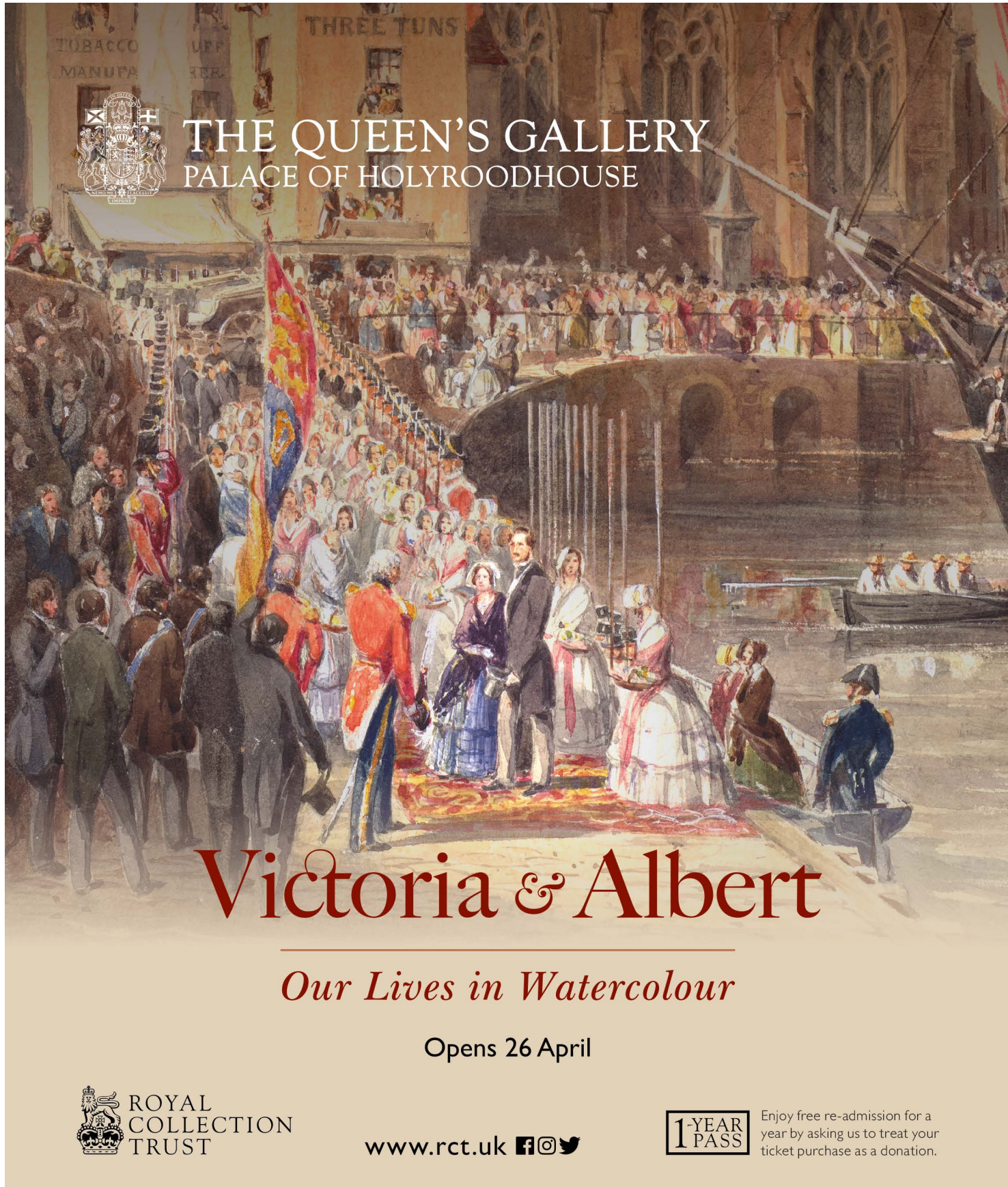
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**T**extures Entwined at **Tatha Gallery** in Newport-on-Tay (May 22-Jun 19) features richly coloured work by two artists linked not only in life, but also in their use of texture and by inspiration from their travels to Morocco, Greece, Italy and France.

Charles MacQueen RSW RGI creates evocative, semi-abstract paintings infused with the richness of exotic colours and architectural details which conjure up the ambience of a certain place and time.

Christine Woodside RSW RGI uses layers of oil, watercolour, pastel and applied Japanese paper to create sumptuously textured landscapes inspired by both exotic locales and the changing seasons in the countryside around the couple's Fife home. [www.tathagallery.com](http://www.tathagallery.com)



John Johnstone, *Outside the bakers*

**John Johnstone: Celebrating 60 years of painting** at **Gallery Q** in Dundee features the latest paintings and etchings by one of Scotland's leading figurative artists.

Influenced from childhood in "how the body works", Johnstone (b. Forfar 1941) was particularly influenced by Dudley D. Watkins' comic strips for the Dundee-based publishers D.C.Thompson. As a student at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art, he pursued an expressionist style before eventually settling on the detailed, illustrative one we know today.

Imbued with humour and satire, his work includes many local scenes, including famous characters who just happen to be walking down a Dundee street. Bob Dylan is a favourite. Johnstone has works in many public and private collections, including those of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, The McManus, the Carnegie Trust and Fife Council. [www.galleryq.co.uk](http://www.galleryq.co.uk)



Christine Woodside RSW RGI, *Burnside*, mixed media on board

Edinburgh's **Torrance Gallery** has two exhibitions running simultaneously (May 22-Jun 5).

In the front gallery Robert Pereira Hind presents a new collection of mixed media, white metal leaf artworks along with a one-off piece using 24 carat gold leaf made exclusively for the exhibition.

In the rear gallery Peter Lo's **Net Zero** comprises original paintings created from and inspired by explorer Robert Swan OBE's photographs of his trips to the north and south poles. (He is the first person to walk to both.) A proportion of the proceeds from the show will be donated to Swan's 2041 Foundation to support research into and protection of these fragile arctic regions.

[www.torrancegallery.co.uk](http://www.torrancegallery.co.uk)



Robert Pereira Hind, *Prunus Sakura*

**B**erwick Museum and Art Gallery in Berwick-upon-Tweed has reopened and visitors can get their first look at L.S. Lowry's *Beach Scene*, which was recently purchased by Museums Northumberland for £162,500. Painted around 1960, it depicts sand dunes in Spittal near Berwick. Lowry holidayed in the area from the 1930s to the summer before he died in 1976 and created more than 30 sketches, drawings and paintings of Berwick. This is the first time any of them has been displayed in the town.



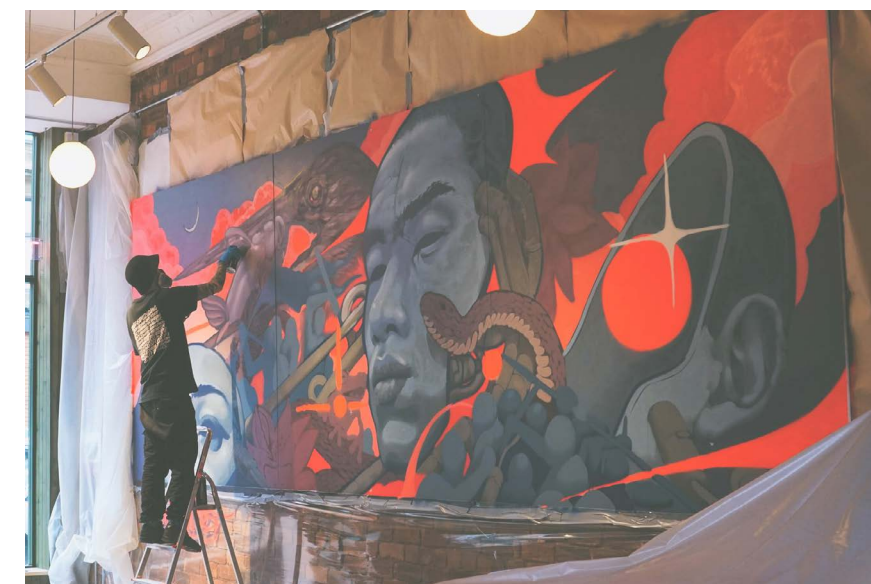
L.S. Lowry, *Beach Scene*



Ellis O'Connor, *Darkness Falls*

**Luti – O'Connor – McNally** at **Allan McNally Fine Art** in Colmonell, South Ayrshire (until May 31) sees artist/owner Allan McNally joined by the multiple award-winning oil painter Ellis O'Connor, whose work is inspired by her surroundings in the Hebrides, and Peter Luti, owner of his own gallery in Callander, who describes his work as "simplified semi-abstract". Allan is showing several watercolour landscapes with a focus on his interpretation of the dramatic Cairnholly Standing Stones in Galloway.

[www.allanmcnallyfineart.co.uk](http://www.allanmcnallyfineart.co.uk)



Mark Worst at work on his new mural for The Alchemy Experiment in Glasgow

The **Alchemy Experiment** on Glasgow's Byres Road has reopened with a new mural by local artist Mark Worst to mark the occasion. Drawing inspiration from sources ranging from the Japanese manga series Akira to the French Romanticist Eugene Delacroix, the mural took as its starting point the venue's first publication, Love & Chaos. Said Mark Worst: "I was given total creative freedom with this piece to launch myself into a chaotic composition and embrace my own divergent influences."

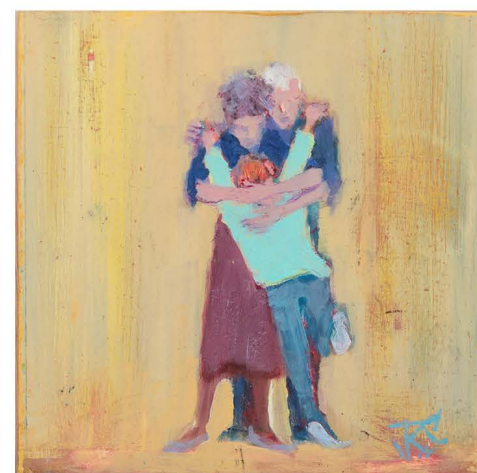
The Alchemy Experiment is an exhibition and events space with an in-house cafe. The two-floor unit will host art exhibitions, talks, workshops, film screenings, live music, tuition and poetry. [www.alchemyexperiment.com](http://www.alchemyexperiment.com)



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**A**driana Ezyaguirre: *Journey in Colour* at **Goldfinch Gallery** in Comrie, Perthshire (until Jul 11) shows off the Chilean artist's love of bold, flamboyant colours in her depictions of birds and nature. After learning the qualities of oil paint under the renowned artist and tutor Adolfo Couve, Adriana moved to London, where the muted light did not dim her palette. Now resident on the Greek island of Ithaca, she has become inspired by traditional Japanese art. [www.goldfinchgallery.co.uk](http://www.goldfinchgallery.co.uk)



Adriana Ezyaguirre, *Bird in a Cotton Field*

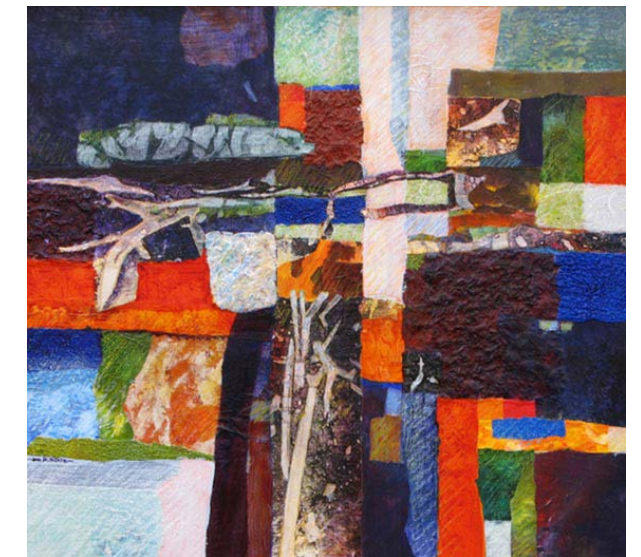


Painters Angela Lawrence (r.) and Caroline Hone are among over 60 artists taking part in Spring Fling. Photo: Colin Hattersley

The full programme has been unveiled for this year's **Spring Fling**, including pop-ups, an online exhibition, workshops and virtual studios (May 29-Jun 6). In all, over 60 artists and makers will show a wide range of work, some of which can be seen in person at Ottersburn Gallery in Dumfries and Mill on the Fleet in Gatehouse of Fleet.

The artists and makers include: Jay Rubinstein, who makes intricately detailed wood and veneer mobiles, some inspired by poetry; watercolourist Hazel Campbell, who specialises in landscapes and still lifes; ceramicist Ruth Elizabeth Jones, who makes beautifully formed 'moon jars'; and Emma Varley, who explores a variety of techniques such as digital projections onto ceramic forms.

About half the artists are contributing to *Wish You Were Here*, an online exhibition of small scale work celebrating the Dumfries and Galloway region. All the participants will have an online studio, where visitors can browse and buy paintings, pottery, prints, photographs and jewellery. There will also be outdoor workshops, talks, demonstrations and live and recorded session on the artists' own channels. [www.spring-fling.co.uk](http://www.spring-fling.co.uk)



John Bathgate, *Beach Bones*

**John Bathgate: Hidden Places** at the **Glasgow Gallery** (until Jun 11) features the Isle of Skye-based artist whose studio has views to the Cuillins and the islands of Rum and Canna, providing ample inspiration for much of his work. A regular exhibitor in group exhibitions at the gallery, he is returning for his first solo show.

John says: "Most of my ideas are gleaned from walking in the landscape and this collection is about places you have to get out of the car and walk to. A few are well hidden, but worth the effort."

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Preceded by a 10-day exhibition, the next **Affordable Art Auction** at **Browns ASR Auctions** in Jedburgh (Jun 3) should make up for some of the exhibiting and selling opportunities artists have lost due to the pandemic.

A total of 45 pieces will be auctioned. These include: new work exclusive to the auction by figurative artist Julie Barnes; Cassandra Harrison's *Haymarket*, which was shown earlier this year at the Visual Arts Scotland members' exhibition; a striking acrylic on aluminium portrait by Gill Walton, who recently completed a residency at Marchmont House; mixed media works by Inverness-based Martin Irish; street art-inspired pieces by Robbie Mackintosh; and works by the Latvian painter Yelena Visemirska. Landscape artists feature strongly again, including David Hay, Anne White and Lida Hatrick.

Individual estimates range from £75 to £1,500. There is an online catalogue and viewings are available by appointment from May 24. [www.brownsasr.co.uk](http://www.brownsasr.co.uk)



Gill Walton, *The Heron*, Lot 28, est. £1,300-£1,500



Willie Rodger RSA, *Storm Trees*, 1981, woodcut on paper

The **Royal Scottish Academy** reopens on May 23 with two new exhibitions (until Jun 20).

**Willie Rodger: Across the Board** is the first posthumous exhibition in Scotland devoted to one of the country's most acclaimed printmakers and features many previously unseen screenprints, woodcuts and linocuts from the artist's studio. All works are for sale.

**Pandemic: A Personal Reponse to Covid-19** features work by eight winners of the RSA Pandemic Award, which was created last summer to assist artists with the creation of new work. The artists are Sara Alonso, Suzanne Anthony, Ronald Binnie, Steven Grainger, Alex Hayward, Jacob Kerray, Chris Leslie, Jack McCombe, Blair McLaughlin and Anthony Schrag.

Booking for these exhibitions is now available.  
[www.royal.scottishacademy.org](http://www.royal.scottishacademy.org)



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Louis Mbughuni (Tanzania), *The Fishermen*, c.1964

**D**ar To Dunoon at **Dunoon Burgh Hall** features twelve works of modern art from East and Southern Africa from the Argyll Collection (until Jun 13). The works have been the subject of a two-year research project to document them, track down their makers and trace their journeys from the African continent to Argyll.

The collection's founder, writer and Argyll County Councillor Naomi Mitchison, bought

the works on her travels in Africa, some from students of painting and printmaking who went on to have notable careers. The research project enabled ten of the twelve works to be attributed thanks to archival research, contacts in Africa, connections made with extended family of the artists in Africa, Europe and North America and in two cases with the artists themselves.

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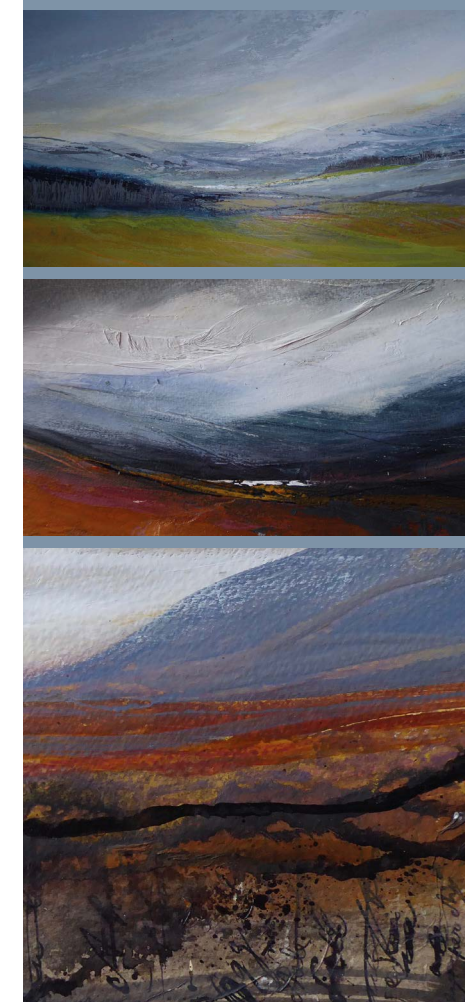
**Art in Mind** at **Glasgow Print Studio** (until May 29) brings together a group of contemporary artists, each of whom has created a unique image on a ceramic vase. These are exhibited alongside a timed online silent auction with Lyon & Turnbull with all proceeds to be donated to the Scottish Association for Mental Health.



Organised by artist June Carey RSW RGI, the exhibition features work by some of Scotland's leading artists, including Ade Adesina, David Mach, Adrian Wiszniewski, Heather Nevay, Barbara Rae, Gordon Mitchell and many more. Writer Ian Rankin and comedian Phill Jupitus have also contributed images. [www.gpsart.co.uk](http://www.gpsart.co.uk)

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Cristofano Allori,  
*Judith with the Head of Holofernes* (1613), Royal Collection, London

How artists have altered an iconic scene over the centuries

It is one of the most compelling images in all of art and one which artists have tackled for over 500 years. Various titles for their works *Judith Beheading Holofernes*, *Judith with the Head of Holofernes*, *Judith and Holofernes* or just plain *Judith*, they have all taken their inspiration from the same source.

In the Book of Judith in the Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Christian Old Testament of the Bible, Judith is a Jewish widow who uses her beauty and charm to kill the invading Assyrian general Holofernes, thereby saving her besieged town from occupation and Israel from oppression. The murder prevented the

Jewish people from having to worship the Assyrian king Nebuchadnezzar and thus keep on the path of the one true God.

Judith gets Holofernes drunk and, while he is incapacitated, slits his throat and beheads him with a sword. She is normally accompanied by a maidservant, usually elderly but sometimes young, who waits to put the head in a bag or basket or in at least one painting walks off with it in a container on her head.

Here is a sample of how some artists have treated the subject.

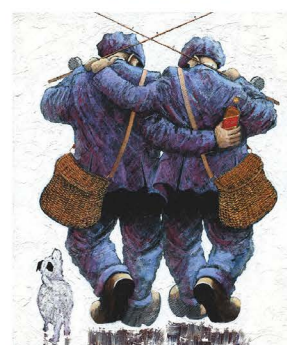
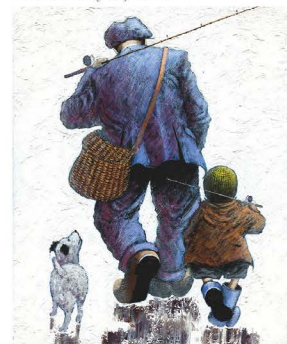


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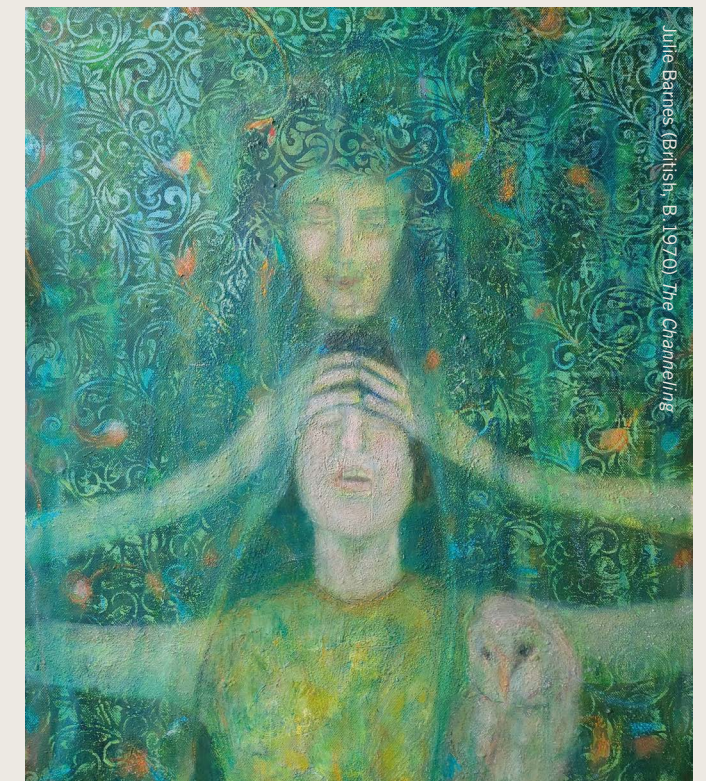
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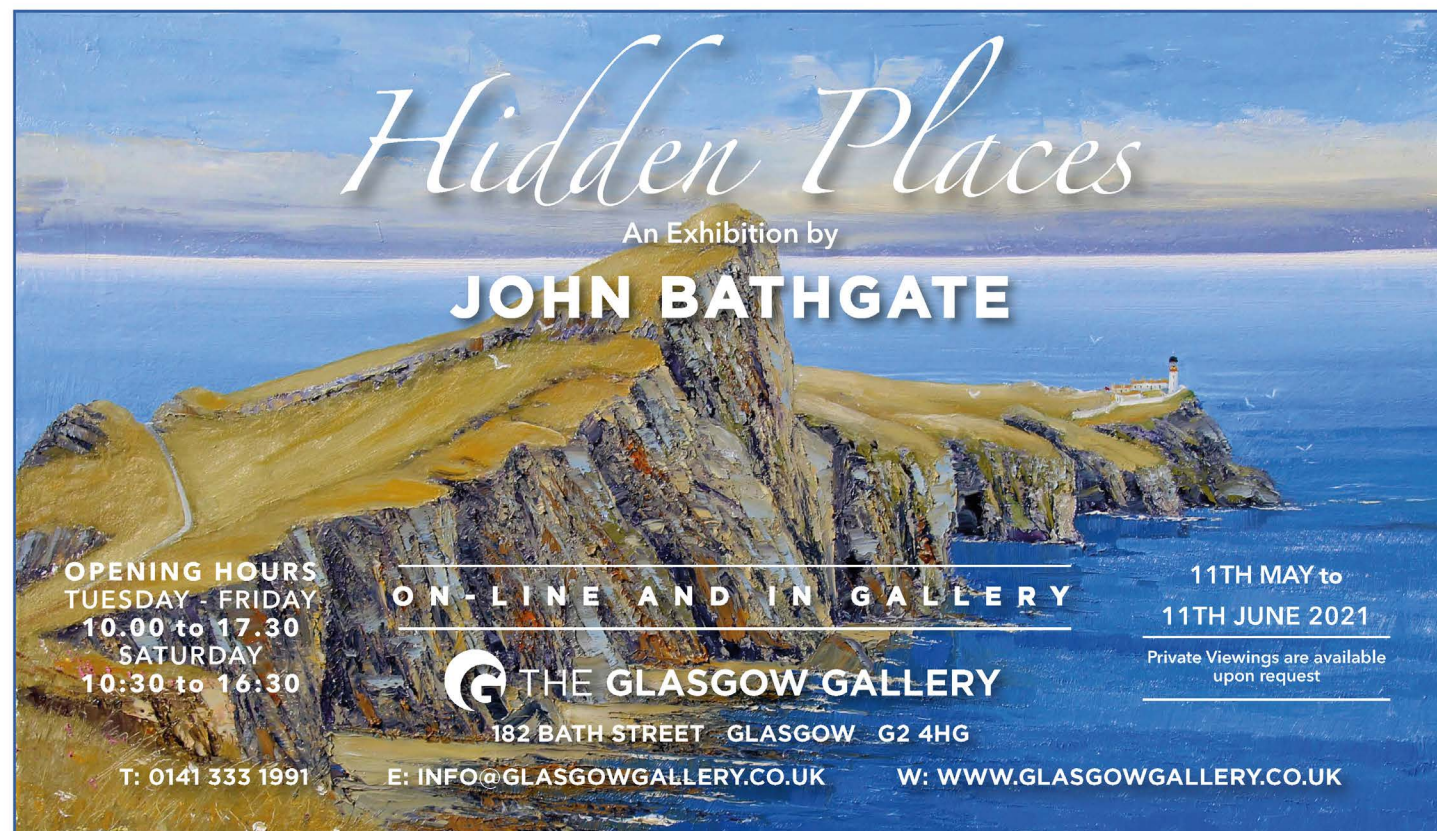
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### Sandro Botticelli, *Judith with the Head of Holofernes*, c.1470, Cincinnati Art Museum

Judith and her maidservant could be two friends out for a stroll were it not for the fearsome curved blade in Judith's hand and Holofernes' head in a vessel on the servant's head like purchases she is bringing home from the market.



### Titian, *Judith with the Head of Holofernes*, c.1515, Galleria Doria Pamphilj, Rome

In this depiction Judith holds Holofernes' head in a dish, while her maidservant gazes adoringly at her. An angel overlooking the scene suggests God's approval of the act.



### Lucas Cranach the Elder, *Judith with the Head of Holofernes*, 1530, Burrell Collection, Glasgow

This is one of several renderings by Cranach in which Judith is "dressed to kill" in an elaborate costume, complete with an ostrich plume in her hat, which would have appealed to Cranach's courtly patrons. She poses with Holofernes' head as with a trophy, an unconcerned smirk on her lips. The bucolic scene in the background echoes her serenity, while the heavy use of red hints at the bloody act.



BAROQUE DEPICTIONS (c.1600-1750)



**Caravaggio, *Judith Beheading Holofernes*, 1599-1602, Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Antica, Rome**

No stranger to blood in his own life (police records from the time describe an inveterate brawler and he killed at least one man with a sword in a duel), Caravaggio chooses the moment of greatest dramatic impact – the decapitation itself. Theatrically lit, the scene shows Judith slicing through Holofernes' neck, blood spurting from his carotid artery.

X-rays have revealed that Caravaggio adjusted the placement of Holofernes' head as he proceeded, making the victim more vulnerable. The details may have been drawn from Caravaggio's observations of a public decapitation, a relatively frequent legal punishment in Rome, with the heads then hung in public. The depiction of Holofernes may be a self-portrait.

**Giuseppe Vermiglio, *Judith and Holofernes*, c.1610-15, Pinacoteca Ambrosiana, Milan**

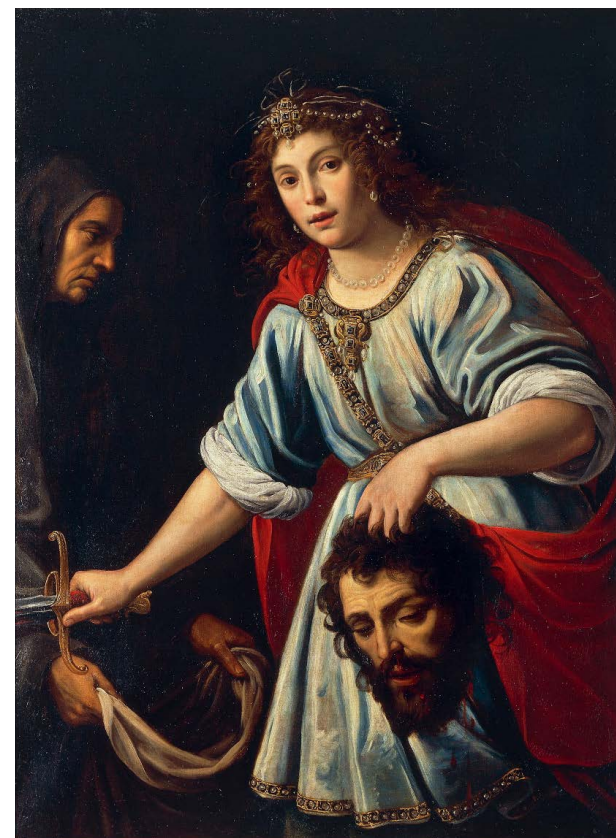
Vermiglio's portrayal is an altogether more antiseptic scene. The deed has been done. There is no blood, no agonised scream from Holofernes and no determined expression on Judith's face. Instead, her blue dress is spotless, she looks absent-mindedly into the middle distance and Holofernes looks like he's asleep.



**Artemisia Gentileschi, *Judith slaying Holofernes*, 1612-13, Museo Capodimonte, Naples**

Like Caravaggio, Gentileschi confronts the sheer brutality and copious gore head on, with blood running in rivulets down Holofernes' bedsheets, while Judith's muscular arms get to work. Even her maidservant gets in on the act by holding down the victim.

Judith's rage may be Gentileschi's own. Raped by a fellow painter, she endured a long court case brought by her father against her abuser and, as was the custom at the time, was tortured with thumbscrews to verify her testimony. She would also have had to continually face the difficulty of being a woman painter in a man's world. ▶▶



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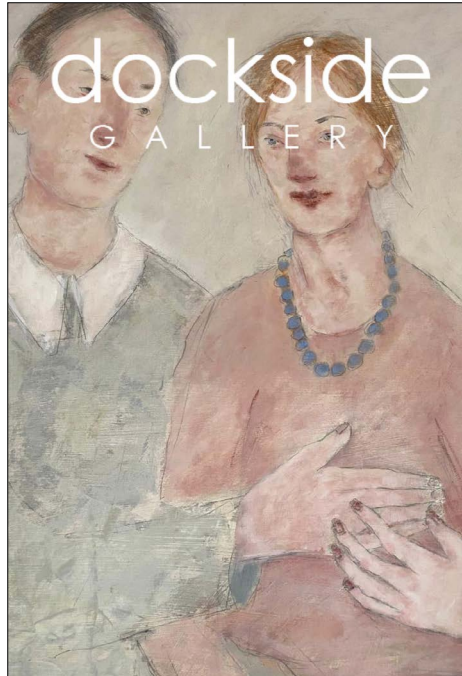


"Snow Shadows, Stewarton, Ayrshire"  
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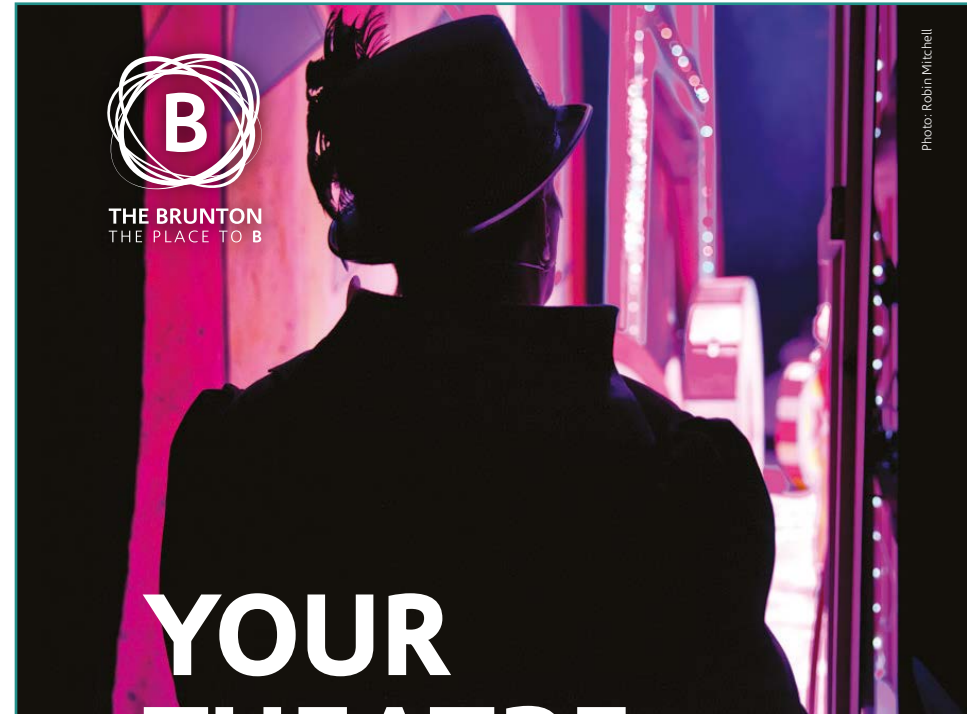
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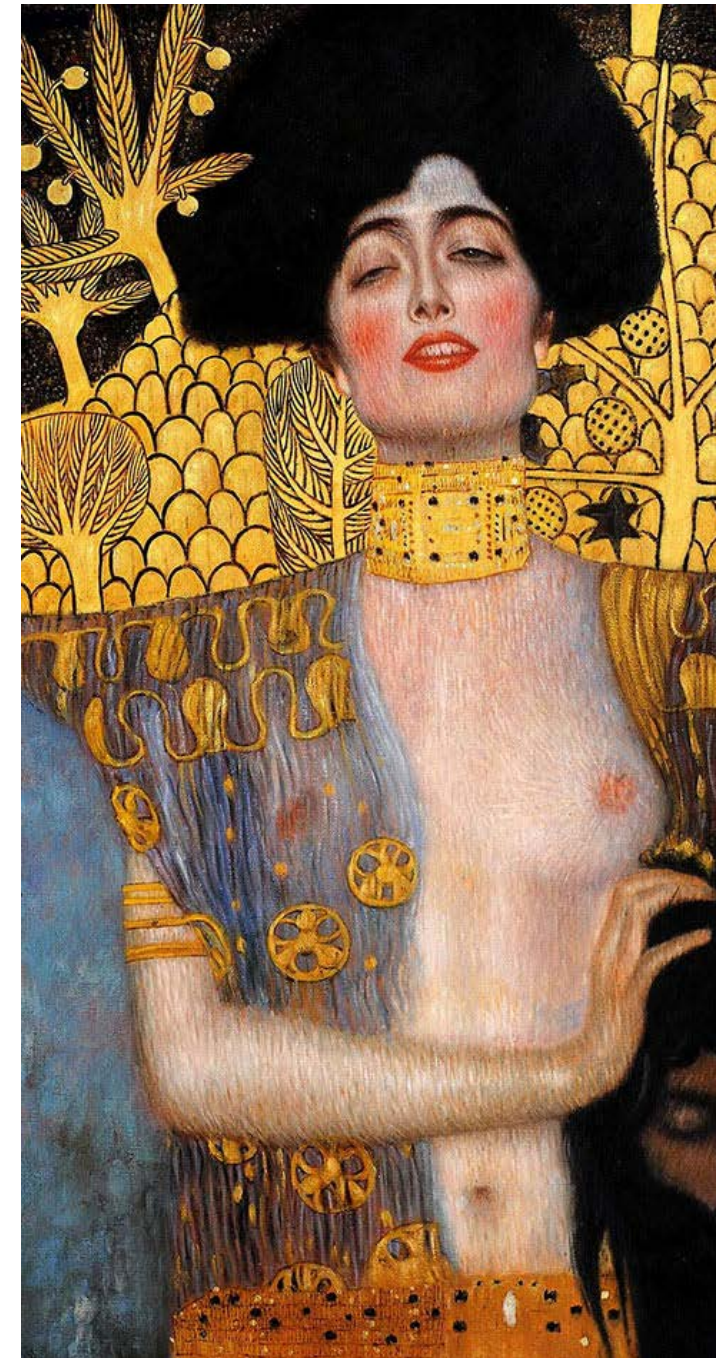
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**Gustav Klimt, *Judith I*, 1901, Galerie Belvedere, Vienna and *Judith II*, 1909, Ca' Pesaro, Venice**

The Austrian Symbolist's luminous, golden *Judith I* shows her as a modern, sensual woman with an open bodice and an exposed breast. Her victim's head barely makes it into the frame. Eight years later his *Judith II* shows her fully exposed from the waist up. The presence of Holofernes is reduced further to a shock of hair dangling from her fingers.



**Vitaliy Komar and Alexander Melamed, *Judith on the Red Square*, 1997, private collection**

The Russian artists' *Judith* is a young girl in anonymous silhouette holding an outsize head of a smiling Stalin. It suggests a bloodless coup against the tyrant by a feminine assassin. The gore of earlier depictions has been replaced by a blood red backdrop.



**Kehinde Wiley, from the *An Economy of Grace* series, first shown in 2012**

Part of the American artist's first group of female portraits, this work depicts *Judith* as an African American woman, barefoot and wearing a gown designed by Givenchy. Standing proudly with a defiant expression, she is surrounded by brightly coloured flowers which almost distract the viewer from noticing the severed head of a white woman in her hands.



Berlinische Galerie, Photo: Nina Strassguetl

# Going up

With around 450 galleries presenting 3,000 exhibitions a year, Berlin has the biggest art scene in Europe.

Since German reunification, a massive redevelopment programme in Berlin has resulted in perhaps the world's densest concentration of art institutions, a former railway station now shows art installations where trains once came and went, important new art museums have appeared and once forlorn streets of East Berlin have been revived with a range of independent galleries.

Most art-lovers make a beeline for **Museum Island**, where an ensemble of monumental buildings has undergone refurbishment in Europe's biggest cultural development. Reconstructed in stages over four decades, their rehabilitation is based on a master plan hatched after the fall of the wall. Representing over a century

of museum architecture, their collections span a vast period, from prehistory to the present day. Resembling a cluster of Greek or Roman temples, the entire complex is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Named after its spiritual founder, gallery director Wilhelm von Bode, the **Bode Museum** is situated at the tip of Museum Island, where it seems to rise from the River Spree. When it opened in 1904, it was the first museum to display painting and sculpture on an equal footing. The Bode Museum holds a number of collections, including Byzantine art, European painting and one of the largest sculpture collections anywhere.

Raised on a plinth decorated with motifs from antiquity, the **Old**

**National Gallery** holds 19th century art. The permanent exhibition covers the German Romantics, including an entire room devoted to Carl David Friedrich, and a selection of French masters such as Monet, Manet, Cezanne and Renoir. There are also examples of Biedermeier in Germany and Austria, Classical Sculpture, Symbolism and Neoclassicism. At one end of the building interconnecting, oval-shaped rooms on all three levels allow for an intimate connection with the works.

Other museums on Museum Island are: the **New Museum**, home to the Egyptology and ancient art collection; the **Old Museum**, which holds the collection of classical antiquities in a permanent exhibition of Greek, Roman and Etruscan art; and the **Pergamon Museum**, ▶▶▶

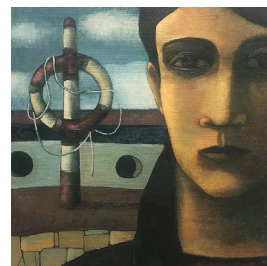
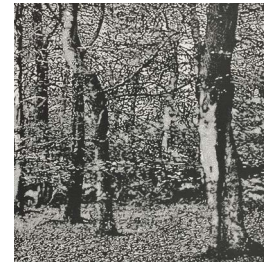




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which houses the Museum of the Ancient Near East and the Museum of Islamic Art. The Pergamon is famous for its reconstructions of ancient structures such as the Ishtar Gate and the Pergamon Altar, considered the greatest Hellenistic Greek masterpiece in the world.

All these museums are run by Berlin State Museums and there are special ticket prices for admission into all them.

[www.smb.museum](http://www.smb.museum)

Also on Museum Island, the **Humboldt Forum** is one of Berlin's newest landmark museums. Incorporating two former museums – the Ethnological Museum of Berlin and the Museum of Asian Art – it has been housed since 2020 in the reconstructed Berlin Palace. At around \$700 million, its total cost is believed to make it Europe's most expensive cultural project. [www.humboldtforum.org](http://www.humboldtforum.org)

Nearby off the famous Unter den Linden (Under the Linden Trees, the grand boulevard leading from the Brandenburg Gate), the restored, 19th century **Friedrichswerder Church** is used to exhibit sculptures belonging to the Old National Gallery.

A couple of streets away is Berlin's newest art museum, Deutsche Bank's **PalaisPopulaire**. Housed in the 18th century Prinzessin Palais (Princess Palace), it presents works from the bank's own 50,000-work collection held in hundreds of branches worldwide.

[www.db-palaispopulaire.com](http://www.db-palaispopulaire.com)

In the Kulturforum the **Gemäldegalerie** (Old Masters Paintings Gallery) presents the history of European painting in all its schools and epochs, from the beginnings of panel painting in the 13th century to the neoclassical period around 1800. About half of the 3,000 or so works are on display at any one time and include still lifes, miniatures, portraits, landscapes, seascapes, battle scenes and religious tableaux.

A list of artists represented reads like a roll-call of European greats, from (deep breath) Botticelli, Caravaggio, Rubens, Velazquez, Poussin, Watteau and Holbein to Dürer, van Eyck, Brueghel, Raphael, Titian, Vermeer and Cranach. (Look out for the latter's



The grand entrance to the Bode Museum

extraordinary *Fountain of Youth*). There is a whole roomful of Rembrandts (Dutch artists are particularly well represented), putting it among the world's largest collections. [www.smb.museum](http://www.smb.museum)

Across the way is the **Museum of Decorative Arts**, the oldest of its kind in Germany, where the collection provides an overview of European design and object art from the Middle Ages to the present through porcelain, tapestries, furniture, stained glass, majolica, silverware and more. Where else will you find a 12th century domed reliquary and a 1958, Danish-designed ice cream cone chair under the same roof? Recent additions include an extensive fashion gallery and a section dedicated to Art Nouveau and Art Deco.

[www.smb.museum](http://www.smb.museum)  
From here it's a short walk to Potsdamer Platz, where you'll find **Contemporary Daimler**. (On the way, look out for Keith Haring's outdoor sculpture, *The Boxers*, which belongs to the collection you are about to see.)

Since 1977 the German car manufacturer Daimler has been acquiring contemporary art. Now shown in the beautiful Haus Huth, a rare survivor of WWII, the Daimler Art Collection covers most major 20th century art developments, primarily in the field of abstraction and including installations, photography, video and sculpture – in all, some 1,800 works by 600 artists. The collection is free to view and ▶▶▶



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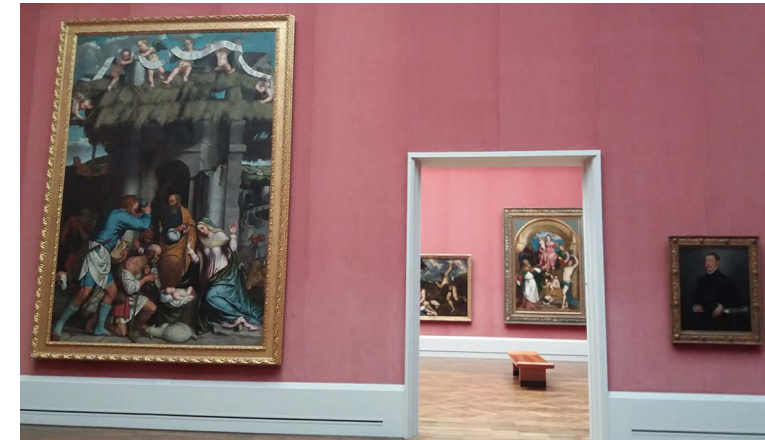
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About a hundred metres from Potsdamer Platz, once bisected by the 'death strip' separating the two Berlins, the **Martin Gropius Bau** ('Bau' is German for building) is often described as one of Germany's most beautiful historic exhibition buildings. It's also one of the biggest. Entered through a grandiose atrium decorated with mosaics and the coats of arms of German states, its exhibition rooms have hosted works by Ai Weiwei, Anish Kapoor, Paul Klee and many others.

[www.berlinerfestspiele.de/de/gropiusbau/start.html](http://www.berlinerfestspiele.de/de/gropiusbau/start.html)

For an excellent overview of a century of the city's artistic output, head for the **Berlinische Galerie**. The upper floor of the white, minimalist, Bauhaus-influenced building hosts Art in Berlin 1880-1980, a chronological presentation in a series of interconnected rooms, each dedicated to a particular theme such as The Dawning of the Avant-Garde, Berlin During National Socialism, A City in Ruins and West Berlin: Art in the Shadow of the Wall. The ground floor hosts special

exhibitions. [www.berlinischegalerie.de](http://www.berlinischegalerie.de)

To the west of the city opposite the Charlottenburg Palace there are three charming museums based around private collections.

The **Bröhan Museum** reflects the turbulent years in German society between 1898 and 1919 and the conflict between tradition and modernity. The focus is on three styles in the decorative and fine arts: Art Nouveau, Art Deco and Functionalism.

[www.broehan-museum.de](http://www.broehan-museum.de)

Next door is the intimate **Museum Berggruen**, where rooms arrayed around a central rotunda allow a circular tour of each of

the three floors. Dedicated to Modernism, it has over a hundred works by Picasso, providing an overview of his artistic development. They include *The Seated Harlequin* from his Blue Period, a study for *Les Femmes d'Alger* and numerous portraits of Dora Maar. You can also see works on paper, cut-outs and bronze sculptures by Henri Matisse, a roomful of works by Paul Klee, small works on paper by Cezanne and pieces by Alberto Giacometti, Max Ernst, Georges Braque and many others. [www.smb.museum](http://www.smb.museum)

Across the street, its jutting, angular roof in contrast to the surrounding buildings suggests that something different is on display in the **Scharf-Gerstenberg Collection**, which is dedicated to works by the Surrealists and the artists who preceded and succeeded them. They include the movement's main protagonists such as Man Ray, Max Ernst, Jean Dubuffet, Paul Klee, Rene Magritte and Salvador Dali. You can also see classic Surrealist films by Luis Buñuel and Dali as well as works by contemporary artists who reference Surrealism in their work. You can't miss the Sahure room, where the pillars from the ancient Egyptian temple of the same name provide their own Surrealist touch. [www.smb.museum](http://www.smb.museum) ▶▶▶

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**The Hamburger Bahnhof – Museum of Contemporary Art – Berlin** (to give it its full title) occupies the former train terminal for the Berlin-Hamburg line. ('Bahnhof' is German for station.) One of the largest museums of its kind in the world (the main hall itself is a cavernous space ideal for large scale works), it now houses the state's contemporary art collection in rotating presentations accompanied by special exhibitions.

The West Wing is devoted to a unique ensemble of large scale sculptures by Joseph Beuys alongside works by Anselm Kiefer and

others. The East Wing, where a large, barrel-vaulted painting gallery was added, is an airy, light-filled space dominated by Warhol's *Mao* (1973) along with works by Robert Rauschenberg, Roy Lichtenstein and many others. [www.smb.museum](http://www.smb.museum)

Photography enthusiasts will find the city's two best galleries within a short walk of one another near the famous Zoo Station.

**C/O Berlin** is located in the Amerika Haus, formerly the US cultural centre. The refurbishment of the building was rewarded

with the Berlin prize from the Association of German Architects. On opening night the line stretched for over 200 metres. C/O shows up to twenty solo and group exhibitions a year by internationally distinguished photographers such as Annie Leibovitz, Anton Corbijn, Sebastião Salgado, Martin Parr and Nan Goldin. [www.co-berlin.org](http://www.co-berlin.org)

Nearby the **Museum of Photography** features over 1,000 images donated from his collection by Berlin-born Helmut Newton, including fashion photographs and colossal nudes. Doubling as home for the Helmut Newton Foundation, the museum also shows changing exhibitions from the city's photography collection. [www.smb.museum](http://www.smb.museum)

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For a spot of gallery-hopping, head for **Auguststrasse**, which is lined with them from one end to the other. This is also where you'll find two of the most interesting art spaces in the city.

Located in a former cheese factory, the **KW Institute for Contemporary Art** is a warren of rooms and cavernous spaces on multiple levels with bare walls and brick floors, perfect for showing light installations, wall art, film and video. There is a cafe in a glass-encased extension and a neon sign strung across the front of the building proclaims in German 'Your country does not exist'.

[www.kw-berlin.de](http://www.kw-berlin.de)

Next door is the **ME Collectors Room Berlin**, home to the collection of chemist and collector Thomas Olbricht. Comprising painting, sculpture, photography, installation and new media, the collection includes greats such as Cindy Sherman and Gerhard Richter alongside emerging artists. Exhibitions are designed to 'transport the visitor into a realm of sheer astonishment', no less.

[www.me-berlin.com](http://www.me-berlin.com)

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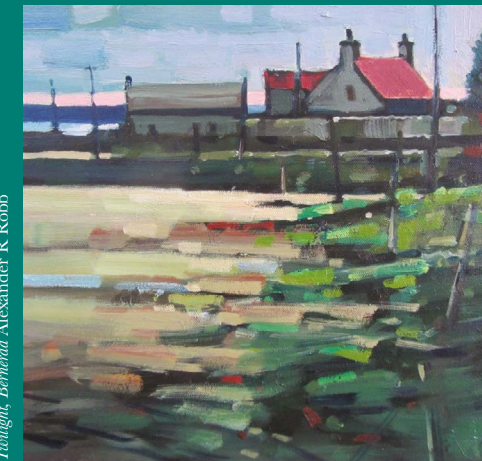
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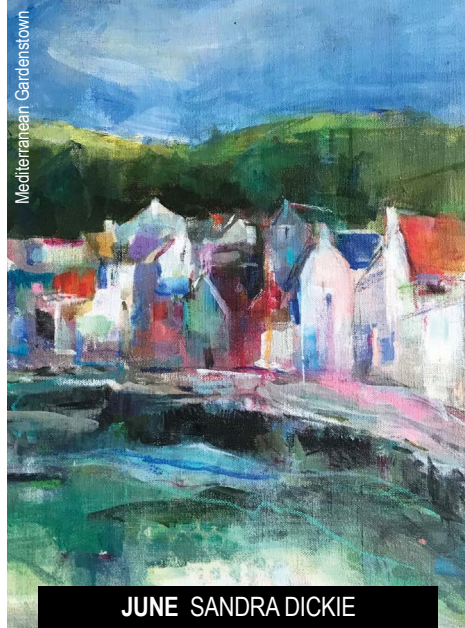
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## IMAGE ANALYSIS

Readers who know their Greek mythology may recognise the damsel in distress shown in this oil painting by the Venetian Renaissance artist Tiziano, known in English as Titian. (Like Leonardo before him and Rembrandt after him he took to using only his first name instead of Tiziano Vecelli, or Vecellio.) It is Andromeda, the beautiful princess of classical legend, who was offered up in human sacrifice to appease the gods made angry by her mother's vanity.

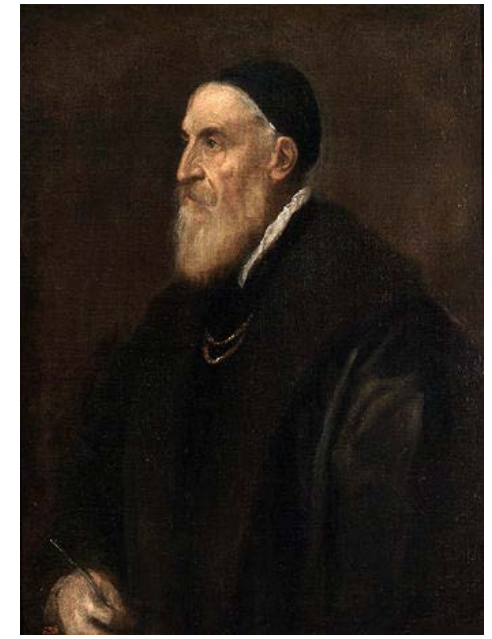
Andromeda's plight has already triggered the epic battle between the hero Perseus and the ferocious sea monster sent to devour her. Their fight rages over the water, while the immobilised princess's vulnerable body cuts across the composition, a poignant reminder of the fragile human life at stake. Love wins out: Perseus rescues Andromeda and carries her off to Greece to reign as his queen.

But should we really associate the figure of Andromeda with the pale body Titian gave her? After all, she was the daughter of Ethiopian rulers. In his collection of poems entitled *Heroides*, the Roman mythographer Ovid specifically evoked the 'dark Andromeda', a description more in line with

her parentage. As scholars such as Elizabeth McGrath have shown, the phenomenon of "whitewashing" – making black female figures white – is all too common throughout the history of western art and literature.

Heroines such as the Queen of Sheba, Cleopatra and Andromeda have been fundamentally altered, their cultural ties and lineage denied in an effort to adhere to standards conflating whiteness and beauty. In the Old Testament the Queen of Sheba, in the original Hebrew, declares proudly: "I am black and beautiful." But by the fourth century Latin Vulgate translation of the bible, her statement had been altered to: "I am black, but beautiful."

If this same erasure of identity is visible in the French painter François Lemoyne's *Perseus and Andromeda* of 1723, also at the Wallace Collection, viewers may at least meet the true 'dark Andromeda' of Ovidian lore in Bernard Picart's etching of 1731, housed at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. With her skin colour in contrast to the whiteness of the rock and the gulls around her, this Andromeda is clearly a black woman. With her flowing hair and sensuous pose, she is also unmistakably the beautiful princess of legend.



Titian, *Self-portrait*, c.1567, Prado Museum, Madrid

Tiziano Vecelli, or Vecellio (c. 1488/90-1576), known in English as Titian, is considered the most important member of the 16th century Venetian school.

Hertford House, English School, c.1812-3



The Wallace Collection is a national museum which displays the art collections brought together by the first four Marquesses of Hertford and Sir Richard Wallace, thought to be the illegitimate son of the 4th Marquess. It was bequeathed to the British nation by Lady Wallace, Sir Richard's widow, in 1897.

Among the Collection's treasures are an outstanding array of 18th century French art, many important 17th and 19th century paintings, medieval and Renaissance works of art and one of the finest collections of princely arms and armour in Britain.

The Wallace Collection is displayed in Hertford House, formerly the London residence of the Marquesses of Hertford and Sir Richard Wallace. It was opened to the public as a museum in 1900.

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# Accidental Art

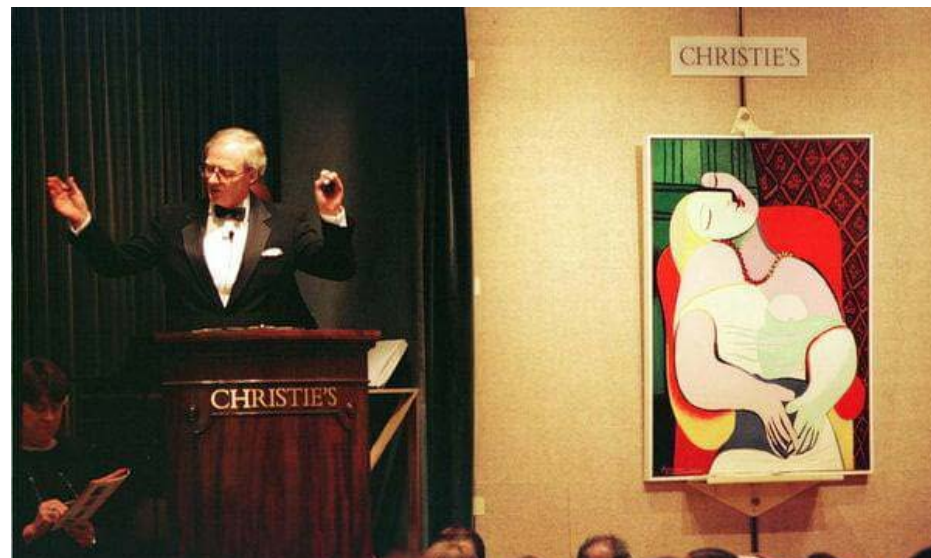
When artworks become damaged goods

There are plenty instances of artists deliberately destroying their own masterpieces, as when Claude Monet shredded fifteen paintings of waterlilies because he thought they were sub-standard or when towards the end of her life Georgia O'Keeffe purged works of art she no longer liked (and also destroyed photographs by her former husband, Alfred Stieglitz) or when about a hundred slashed canvases were found in Francis Bacon's home after his death. The Dutch artist Willem de Kooning even allowed Robert Rauschenberg to erase a sketch of his which Rauschenberg retitled *Erased de Kooning Drawing* (1953).

But what about artworks damaged, ruined or lost through accident, carelessness or 'acts of God'? Here are a few of those examples.

In 2006, US casino magnate Steve Wynn punctured one of Pablo Picasso's most famous paintings, *Le Reve (The Dream)* valued at \$40 million. Mr Wynn, who owned the painting at the time and was about to sell it to a friend, was showing it to some people on the eve of the sale when he backed up and put his elbow through it. The deal was called off. However, Mr Wynn got the last laugh. In 2013 he sold the restored painting to the same friend for \$155 million.

Picasso's *Le Reve (The Dream)* goes under the hammer.



The Qing dynasty porcelain vases are now safely in a glass case.

Also in 2006, a man smashed three Qing dynasty porcelain vases which were standing on a windowsill at Cambridge University's Fitzwilliam Museum when he tumbled down stairs. Produced in the late 17th or early 18th century, the vases were part of a set valued at up to £300,000. The museum spent six months restoring them and they are now housed in a specially designed case. The man was not charged and the Fitzwilliam now sells a mini-jigsaw postcard of the vases so that visitors can put them back together too.

In an intentional "mishap", the Chinese artist Ai Wei Wei created a photographic triptych entitled *Dropping a Han Dynasty Urn*, showing him smashing a vase. Ai has been criticised for destroying artworks by buying ancient urns, splashing them with paint and smashing them. Referring to an incident at Miami's Perez Art Museum, when a protester smashed a pot by Wei Wei on display, the artist said: "I smashed my own belongings, whereas he broke others'. Behavioural art can go to extremes, like you can hurt yourself for instance, but you cannot hurt others for the sake of art."

Chinese artist Ai Wei Wei dropping a Han dynasty urn for a work entitled – you got it – *Dropping a Han Dynasty Urn*

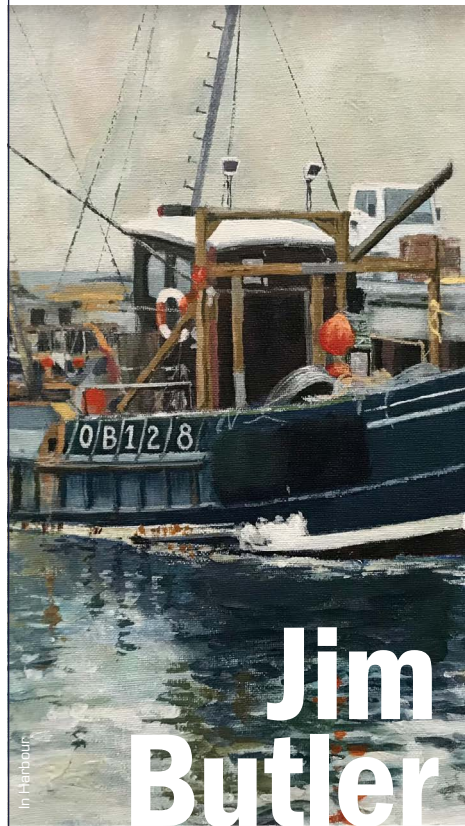


JonOne's graffiti artwork

Graffiti artwork estimated to be worth about £360,000 on display in South Korea was damaged by a couple who thought brushes and paint laid in front of the piece were for visitors' to use in participatory art. After staff spotted fresh brushstrokes, CCTV footage identified the accidental vandals. The work was painted by the American graffiti artist JonOne in front of an audience in Seoul in 2016 and has since been displayed at various venues along with the paint and brushes used in the live performance, which are regarded as integral parts of the artwork. Extra 'Do Not Touch' signs have been put up following the incident.

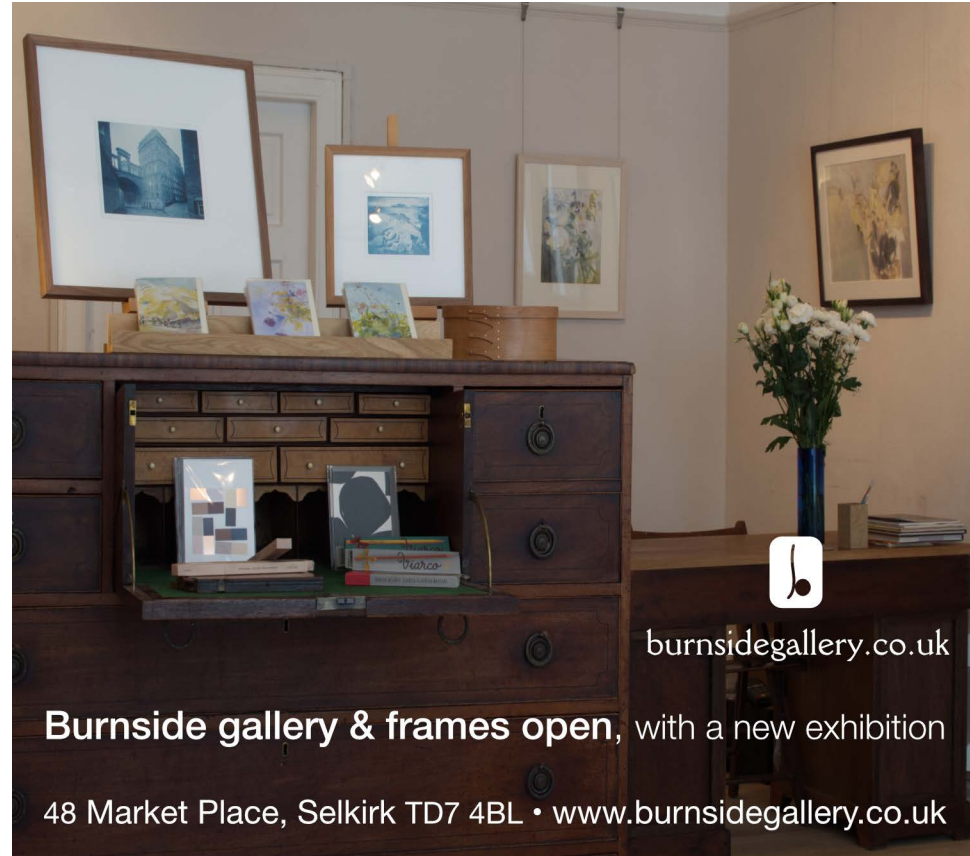


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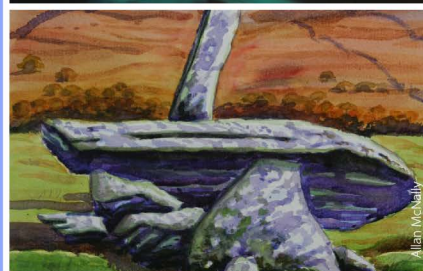
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The visitor caught on CCTV

A tourist accidentally broke three toes off a 19th century plaster model of a reclining woman by the Italian sculptor Antonio Canova while posing for a photograph in the Gypsotheca Antonio Canova museum in northern Italy. (The marble version of the artwork is in Rome's Galleria Borghese.) CCTV footage shows the man and his female partner, who took the photograph, innocently ambling out of shot in opposite directions.

Germany-based Peruvian artist Fernando de la Jara's sculpture Pi-Chacan, a 32-ton, 14 foot high work carved from red Verona marble and modelled on the vulva, stands on the University of Tübingen campus. An American exchange student, apparently acting on a dare, climbed into the sculpture and found himself stuck inside the giant genitalia. Five fire engines and 22 firefighters later – a case of German over-efficiency perhaps - the hapless student was, er, withdrawn.



A cleaner tidying up after Tate Britain's Art and the 60s: This Was Tomorrow exhibition in 2004 accidentally threw out part of German artist Gustav Metzger's installation *Recreation of First Public Demonstration of Auto-Destructive Art*. In the cleaner's defence, the discarded item was a plastic bag of trash and easily mistaken for garbage. In an ironic twist, the cleaner's mistake was actually in keeping with Metzger's concept of auto-destructive art, which defines art as having a finite existence after which it should be destroyed.



An installation by Damien Hirst. No, really.

Similarly, in 2001 a cleaner at a west London art gallery disposed of a Damien Hirst installation assuming that the half-empty coffee cups, beer bottles, newspapers and full ashtrays were the remnants of a party. In fact, they formed Hirst's representation of an artist's studio and a highly valued one at that. Fortunately, the artist saw the funny side of it and the cleaner, one Emmanuel Asare, would not be the only critic of Hirst's work.



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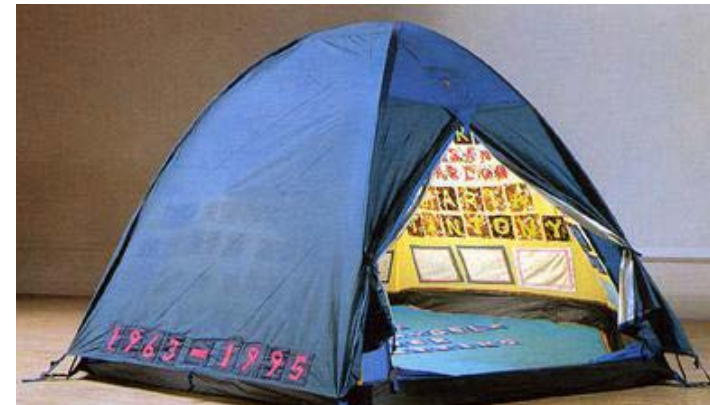


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Tracey Emin, *Everyone I Have Ever Slept With 1963-1995*

Hundreds of artworks by British contemporary artists with a total value of over £50 million were destroyed in 2004 when a fire, seemingly started by a burglar breaking into a neighbouring storage facility, spread through a warehouse owned by an art storage and transportation company. The lost artworks included over 50 abstract paintings by Patrick Heron, several paintings by Damien Hirst and Tracey Emin's famous installation *Everyone I Have Ever Slept With 1963-1995*. In an earlier fire, this one in 1734 in the Royal Alcazar in Madrid, hundreds of paintings and sculptures by artists such as El Greco, Rubens, Tintoretto, Titian and Velazquez were destroyed.

How does a museum misplace a 38-ton sculpture? That's a question often asked about the disappearance of American sculptor Richard Serra's 1986 work *Equal-Parallel: Guernica-Bangasi*, a series of four solid steel blocks which had been on display at Madrid's Reina Sofia Museum until being put into storage in 1990. Upon attempting to show the work again 15 years later, the museum learned that the storage company had gone into receivership and the sculpture lost. To date it has not been found, although Serra produced a replica for the museum. (Somewhere in Spain there is a very happy scrap merchant.)

Richard Serra, *Equal-Parallel: Guernica-Bangasi*, 1986



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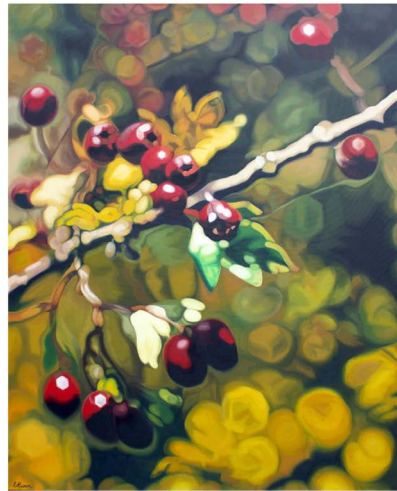
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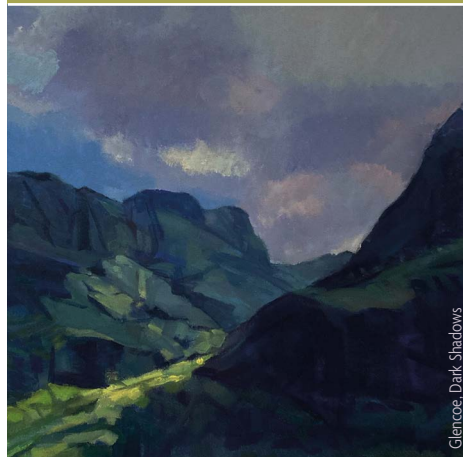


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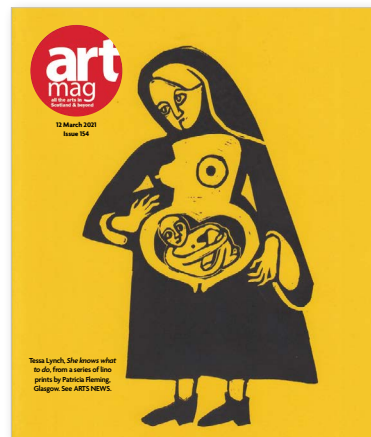
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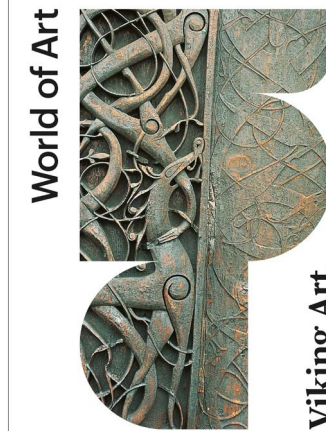
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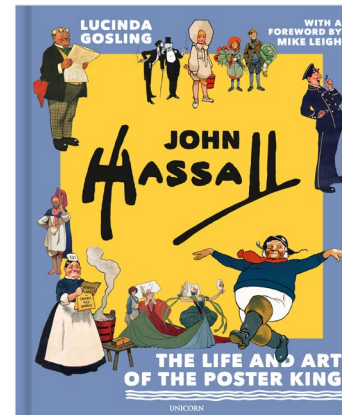
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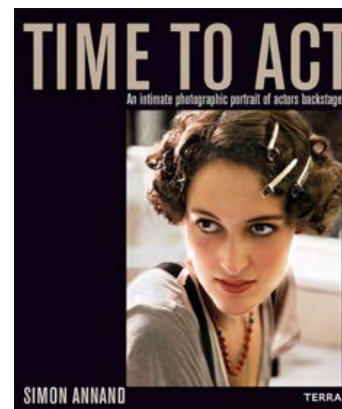


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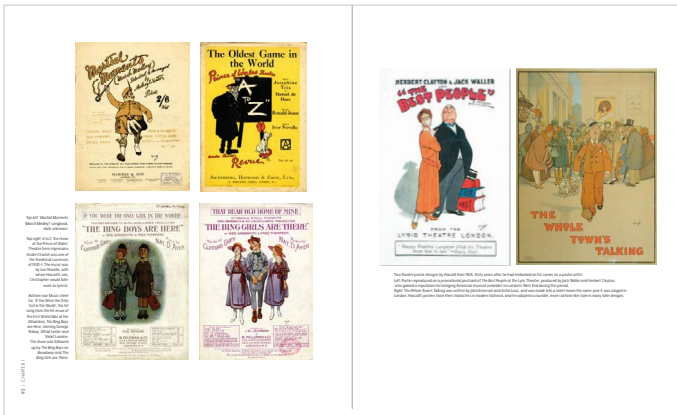
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- 3 Gulnara Samoilova, 'Cloud Eaters', 2018
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