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Things we love...

Witness a rare spectacle as Frederic, Lord Leighton PRA's masterpiece, *Flaming June*, graces the Royal Academy of Arts Collection Gallery. Transported from the Museo de Arte de Ponce in Puerto Rico, this iconic Victorian-era artwork offers a unique glimpse into Leighton's brilliance. Take the opportunity to appreciate this treasured painting, admired as the culmination of Leighton's artistic genius, and explore the profound link between painting and sculpture as *Flaming June* is displayed alongside the revered *Toddei Tondo* by Michaelangelo, whose work had a profound influence on Leighton's composition. From 17 February 2024 to 12 January 2025. royalacademy.org.uk

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THE MOON BETWEEN MY TEETH. WORKS BY CONULIA STOFFEL AND ALEXANDRA ZARINS. PHOTOGRAPH BY MICHAEL WILSON. THE ARTISTS AND ELIZABETH XI BAUER GALLERY, LONDON.

Don't miss...

... Elizabeth Xi Bauer's showcase at the London Art Fair 2024, featuring diverse works from various artists. Get a sneak peek at the 2024 programme, showcasing artists set to make waves in international pop-up exhibitions and the Gallery's curated showcases. From 17 to 21 January at the Business Design Centre, London. elizabethxibauer.com

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THE DIARY

Open calls, prizes and artist opportunities

10 JANUARY

Submit your figurative works for The RBA's Rising Star scholarship to win £5,000 and a month-long scholarship in Rome. Entry is £10. royalsocietyofbritishartists.org.uk

14 JANUARY

RSA Residencies for Scotland provides funding of up to £5,000 for valuable research and residency opportunities for Scottish-born/based artists. Free entry. royalscottishacademy.org

26 JANUARY

Submit your paintings, drawings and prints for the Royal Society of Portrait Painters' annual exhibition with a whopping £40,000 prize fund. £20 per work. therp.co.uk

2 FEBRUARY

Enter your watercolour or water-soluble works for the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours exhibition. The prize fund totals more than £7,000. £20 per work. mallalleries.org.uk

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FOURTH WALL

Artist Roland Hicks brings a multi-faceted artistic experience, seamlessly blending drawing, painting, still-life, geometric abstraction, collage and performance with sculpture. His transformative work will grace the Hastings Contemporary's sea-facing walls, conjuring an illusion of haphazardly constructed barriers from found materials. The viewer's interpretation becomes a dynamic element – a commentary on folly, responses to rising sea levels, fortification against invaders, or a statement on resourcefulness amid economic challenges and critiques on consumerism and waste. *The Fourth Wall* promises to provoke contemplation and conversation. It's on until 3 March 2024. hastingscontemporary.org

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