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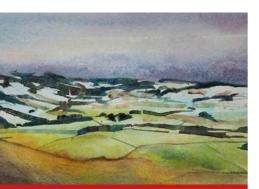


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he Royal Scottish National Orchestra has launched a new series of afternoon performances streaming online for free. Each week Sunday Sounds will feature a different musician



performing from home. First up was Polish-born violinist Lena Zeliszewska (pictured)

playing an excerpt from her countryman Henryk Wieniawski's *Légende Op. 17.* Performances begin at 3pm on the RSNO website, Facebook page or YouTube channel. **www.rsno.org.uk/sunday** 

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### n 2017 Dovecot Studios

in Edinburgh collaborated with artist Victoria Crowe to create an epic, 52-square metre frieze tapestry for the walls of a ceremonial hall at the Leathersellers' Company in London. Victoria's design told the story of leather production and celebrated the traditional skills and craftsmanship of textilemakers. You can now watch a beautiful film capturing the



process of making and installing the tapestry. **www.dovecotstudios.com** (Search Projects.)

Peing outside, drawing and painting directly from observation, particularly in more remote and wild regions, is what excites **Liz Myhill RSW** most about making new work. She is especially drawn



to places which continue to provide a foothold for wildlife and a sense of solitude in a world increasingly shaped by human intervention. Recent works have focussed on fragile environments in the Scottish landscape, while during a working trip to South America in 2018 and 2019 she begin making works based on the Patagonian ice field and the flora and fauna of that region for an exhibition later this year. During the

current crisis she has been making daily drawings in her local area and delving into old sketchbooks. Pictured: *First Light* **www.lizmyhill.com** 

nspired by their daily beach walks, Louise and Roderick Fraser of **Fraser Gallery** in St Andrews have put together a selection of works featuring seascapes and beach scenes by some of their popular artists such as Nael Hanna, Francis Boag, David Mackie Cook, Jack Morrocco (pictured: *Boats and Bathers, Giardini Naxos, Sicily*), Jonathan Koetsier and Robert MacMillan. While the gallery is closed, you can request a



short video of works you may be interested in purchasing. **www.frasergallery.co.uk** 





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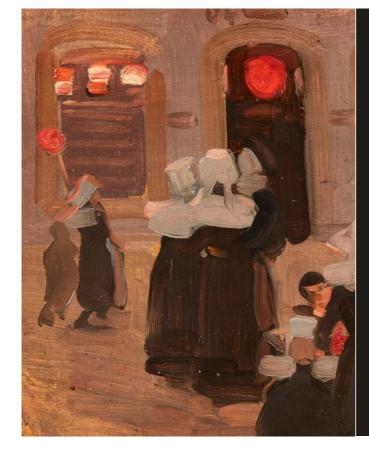
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ne of the more pleasant effects of the current crisis is that first class theatre, ballet and opera featuring some of the world's top performers are available to view online – for free. The **National Theatre** is currently showing Shakespeare's *Antony and* 



*Cleopatra* starring Ralph Fiennes and Sophie Okonedo (**www. nationaltheatre.org.uk**), from

he **Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop** has introduced Moving Sculpture, a series of free to watch documentaries and



artists' films on the ideas, processes, politics and history of sculpture, including interviews with artists ESW has worked with, footage of legendary 20th century sculptors and insights into making techniques. Featured sculptors include Barbara Hepworth and Kenny Hunter (pictured).

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May 15 to 28 the **Royal Ballet** is screening Sir Kenneth MacMillan's *Anastasia* (pictured), inspired by the true story of a woman who believed herself to be the youngest daughter of Tsar Nicholas II and the only survivor from the assassination of the Romanovs in 1918 (**www. roh.org.uk**), while New York's **Metropolitan Opera** is showing a week of Nightly Opera Streams until May 17 (**www.metopera.org**).

ublin's **Doorway Gallery** has launched a series of weekly online exhibitions on their Facebook page called Getting to Know for visitors to familiarise themselves with some of the gallery's artists who have not yet had a solo show. Each segment will offer an insight into an artist's typical daily routine, showing a painting in progress in the artist's studio before it makes its way to the gallery for display. Some works will be offered at special prices exclusive to the online exhibition. Showing May 18-24 in the Getting to Know series is Cormac O'Leary: Unseen Works (pictured).

Using the gallery's new app, you can virtually hang one of the paintings on your own wall at home to see how it would look if you bought it. The Doorway Gallery is also hosting a Facebook Live event every Thursday evening, when you can 'meet' the artists and learn about their work. www.thedoorwaygallery.com





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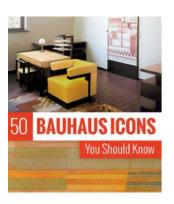
Art Books

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Lilian Snelling: The Rhododendron and Primula Drawings, by H.J. Noltie, pub. Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh Considered one of the finest botanical artists of her time, Lilian Snelling

(1879-1972) was called to the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh during WWI, when all able-bodied men in a male-dominated scientific society were on active service. Still little known outside botanical circles, her precise illustrations became recognised for their taxonomic value to scientists, collectors and gardeners and are still used in the RBGE's teaching of botanical art.



**50 Bauhaus Icons You Should Know, by Josef Strasser, pub. Prestel** One of 20 editions from the 50...You Should Know series, this concise overview highlights some of the leading works produced by Bauhaus designers. One of the most influential design

movements of all time, Bauhaus was a German art and craft school operational between 1919 and 1933. Combining minimalist aesthetics with functionality, its reach extended into furniture, household appliances, graphic design, interiors, lighting, homes and offices and domestic products.



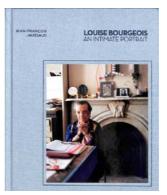
World of Art: Abstract Art, by Anna Moszynska, pub. Thames & Hudson This classic volume takes a chronological approach to clarify the thinking and practice of dozens of artists working in a genre which both beguiles and baffles, with no attempt to accurately depict visual reality, instead using colours and shapes to evoke a reaction in the viewer. Launched in 1958 to bring art books to the masses, World of Art is the publisher's longest-running series and now includes 20 titles on art, architecture, design, photography and fashion.



### The Constructed Worlds of Calum

**Colvin, by Tom Normand, pub. Luath Press** Calum Colvin is one of Scotland's most innovative photographers, and his photographs are complex constructions. They are composed

of three-dimensional stage sets populated by everyday household objects and overpainted with subjects which relate to fine art and popular culture as well as to history, identity and ecology. These are photographs which need to be interpreted, so looking at them involve the viewer in a kind of puzzle.



### Louise Bourgeois: An Intimate Portrait,

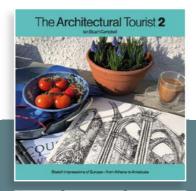
by Jean-Francois Jaussaud, pub. Laurence King Photographer Jean-Francois Jaussaud was given carte blanche to shoot the French-American artist Louise

Bourgeois (1911-2010), best known for her large scale soft sculptures, over the course of eleven years in her studio and house in New York. The result is a moving testimony of how her private life and her work were inextricably interwoven.

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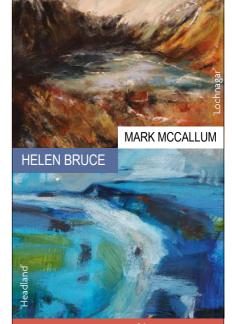
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- 1 Taking a basketry workshop reminded **Rachel Bower** of childhood times building stick dens with leaves as plates, bark as bowls and twigs as cutlery. Combining different willow varieties, she makes contemporary-looking baskets and bags, varying the colours by boiling or steaming or adding material collected from hedgerows. **www.wovenwillow.co.uk**
- 2 Lizzie Farey uses willow, birch, heather, bog myrtle and many other woods grown locally in Dumfries and Galloway to make work ranging form traditional items to organic, sculptural forms. She is a multiple award-winner with work in many public collections. **www.lizziefarey.co.uk**
- 3 Helen Jackson is particularly drawn to homegrown and gathered natural materials in her basket-making and has recently began exploring fibres found around where she lives in rural Aberdeenshire, such as snowdrops, grasses, rushes, dandelions, chives and honeysuckle. www.helenjacksonbaskets.com

- 4 **Tim Palmer** works with willow, cane, birch and willow bark to make a variety of functional baskets. He has also made replicas and reproductions of traditional fishing baskets as well as aircraft seats for WWI replicas. www.timpalmerbasketmaker.co.uk
- 5 Dawn Susan grows all her willow on her croft in the Outer Hebrides. Her range includes frame baskets, similar to those used by women cleaning herring at British ports, fruit platters, sculptural pieces and creels made to a traditional Hebridean design. www.hebrideanbaskets.co.uk
- 6 Sarah Paramor uses traditional basketry skills to create mainly contemporary bags for exhibitions and the catwalk. She has plaited hairmoss to resemble tweed on one side and AstroTurf on the other and also works with corsetry boning and elastic. www.sarahparamor.co.uk



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Art & Travel

Home to the artist Picasso called "the father of us all", Aix-en-Province is a Provencal favourite of art-lovers

The Saint Victoire mountain with large pine', 1886-87 (The Phillips Collection, Washington DC)

"When you're born there, it's hopeless, nothing compares!...The whole future of art is to be found here in the south of France."

So described Paul Cezanne his love for the region which defined his art. Today he remains the main ambassador for his home town, Aix-en-Provence.

Aix town centre has changed little since Cezanne walked its streets over a century ago. Edged with plane trees and sidewalk cafes, the Cours Mirabeau, southern France's stateliest avenue dubbed the "Champs Elysees of the South", is still the heart of the city, separating the medieval old town (Vieil Aix) from the elegant Mazarin district, filled with townhouses for the richest families when the city was enlarged in the 17th century.

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On a guided walking tour, In the Footsteps of Cezanne, you can visit several landmarks which figured prominently in his life, including his birthplace, the school he attended with childhood friend Emile Zola, the location of his father's hat shop and the apartment he returned to after a day's painting. (Sadly, his favourite watering-hole, Les Deux Garcons, closed abruptly in 2019 amid alleged financial misdealings and was later heavily damaged in a suspicious fire.) **www. aixenprovencetourism.com** 

A short bus service to the north of town stops yards from **Cezanne's Studio**, built especially for him and where he worked virtually every day for the last few years of his life. The light-filled space has been left as if Cezanne had just popped out for lunch in town before returning for an afternoon session.

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### www.atelier-cezanne.com

A short walk up the hill is Cezanne's favourite lookout, **Le Terrain des Peintres**, and a view of the Sainte-Victoire mountain, which he obsessively featured in over 80 oils and watercolours. From this viewpoint, the peak appears as a triangular shape,

which appealed to Cezanne's sense of geometry. From here too the limestone best reflects the light. Standing around the pleasant rest area are reproductions of some of his works imprinted on glazed lava stone.

Cezanne also found inspiration in the area's **Bibemus Quarries**, which had been worked since ancient times, but by Cezanne's lifetime were practically abandoned. The pale stone of many of the 17th and 18th century mansions and monuments in Aix was brought from here.

The geometrical shapes of the quarries' soaring walls and rocky outcrops provided the inspiration which edged Cezanne towards Cubism. He rented a small hut there, where he kept his canvases and often slept before setting out to paint. Reproductions of works on the sites where he painted them pepper the quarry, which can be visited only by guided tour from the main tourist office. FURTHER INFO

www.aixenprovencetourism.com

The Bibemus Quarries Photo: Sophie Spiteri

A scene from the film *Cezanne in the Aix region*. screened to visitors at the Hotel de Caumont Centre d'Art.

Cezanne's studio.



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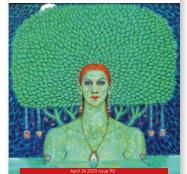


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ntimate figurative paintings by **Kevin Low** from his Women and Men series. For several years a photographer of stage performances, Kevin's understanding of lighting, drama and the precisely chosen moment have resulted in a resonant collection of images.



'Pink Dress', oil on panel





'Winter Borders Two', watercolour on paper

une Carey RSW RGI PAI is a multiple award-winning artist whose work has been featured in numerous solo and group exhibitions in the UK and abroad. Her work is in many public and private collections, including the Royal Bank of Scotland, Oxford University, BBC Television, Highland Region and Dundee District Council.



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