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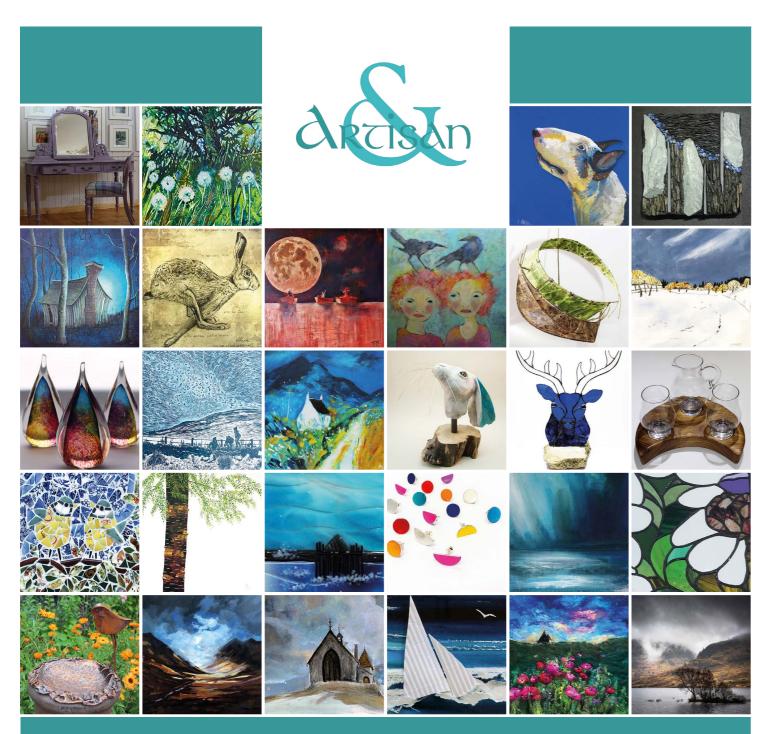
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o celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, Glasgow's Patricia Fleming gallery released a new, limited edition of seven lino prints by Tessa Lynch in which she has swapped the historic image of the witch to that of a wise woman.

Entitled Wise Women, the series is presented on one flat plain in a storytelling sequence. Lynch depicts the faces of the women as they were presented in medieval imagery – serene, contemplative and undisturbed from their inner thoughts. Produced during lockdown, the works were made in the artist's home with a kitchen table, clamp presses, pegs and a washing line substituting for studio facilities.

Says Lynch: "In my thoughts were all the women who have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic. The imagery always changed as I was cutting it out. I loved the sculptural feel of carving things out when access to my studio and sculpture workshops was minimal. It was mindful, craft-like, worry-free."

www.patricia-fleming.com



Wandering (with pelican)



The French Film Festival UK has launched a new online programme under its fff@home umbrella (Mar 12-Mar 27). Screening over three weekends, all films will be available to watch for 48 hours.

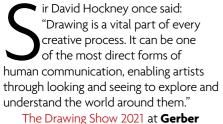
Opening on the same night the French film industry salutes last year's best films and talents in the César awards, programme highlights include: Isabelle Huppert as a French-Arabic police translator with a faithful canine for company in the quirky crime caper Mama Weed; Gérard Depardieu in Home Front, which explores how effects of the Algerian War can still be felt 40 years on; and the plot-twisting The Translators, featuring Sidse Babett Knudsen (pictured), who played Danish PM Brigitte Nyborg in TV's Borgen.

www.frenchfilmfestival.org.uk/online

Please note: Exhibitions are currently online only due to gallery closures during the pandemic.

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Fine Art in Glasgow puts the focus on the draughtsmanship behind how images are made, with drawings and sketches by many art luminaries, including John Bellany, Joan Eardley, The Scottish Colourists, William McCance, Margot Sandeman and many more.

Artists' sketch books are visual diaries which allow us to see the world through their eyes and understand their processes, while notes and studies become a library of information for future paintings. In today's world of advanced technology there are many artists for whom traditional drawing and sketching remains a vital discipline. www.gerberfineart.co.uk



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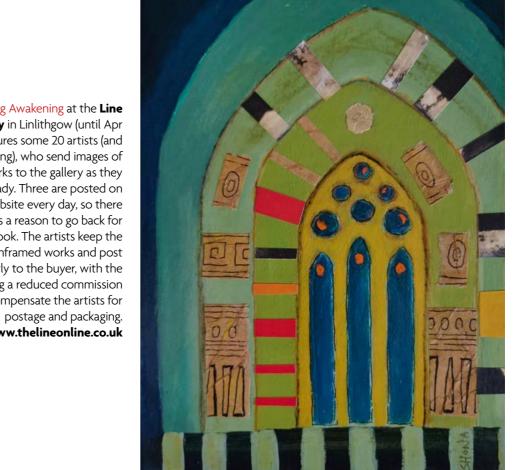


The 12th annual solo exhibition by Jack Morrocco DA FRSA at Lemond Gallery in Bearsden is now online (Mar 13-21). Famous for stylised still lifes, floral studies and sun-dappled scenes of the south of France and Italy, Morrocco is one of Scotland's most popular and successful artists.

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Shona Young St Giles In Green, mixed media



Spring Awakening at the **Line** Gallery in Linlithgow (until Apr 26) features some 20 artists (and counting), who send images of new works to the gallery as they are ready. Three are posted on the website every day, so there is always a reason to go back for another look. The artists keep the original unframed works and post them directly to the buyer, with the gallery taking a reduced commission to compensate the artists for

www.thelineonline.co.uk



New Works at Resipole Studios at Acharacle, Argyll (until Apr 27) includes: oil paintings, watercolours and pencil drawings of wildlife and landscapes by Colin Woolf; mixed media pieces by Stephen French inspired by his father's job at the Singer factory in Clydebank; raku-fired ceramics by Helen Michie inspired by the west coast of Scotland; and floral studies in oil by John Paul Raine.

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John Paul Raine Rose in a pewter teapot

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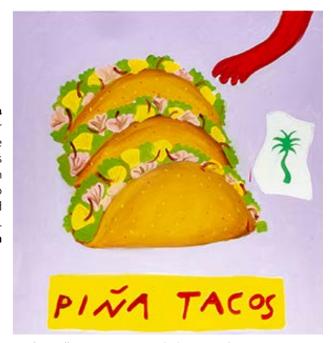
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Varenna, Lake Como

Borders-based watercolourist Ken Ferguson is this month's featured artist at the Torrance Gallery in Edinburgh (Mar 6-20) with a new selection of larger scale works in exacting detail showing landscapes and townscapes of Scotland and Italy. **www.torrancegallery.co.uk**

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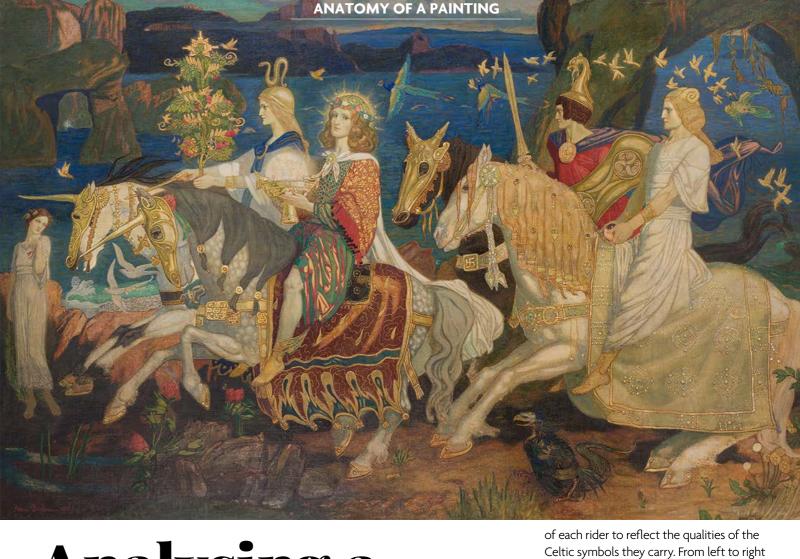
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Analysing a Masterpiece

John Duncan (1866-1945), The Riders of the Sidhe, 1911, tempera on canvas, Dundee Art Galleries and Museums

Riders of the Sidhe is considered John Duncan's masterpiece. It is certainly his most ambitious painting and his first major work in tempera. His adoption of this ancient medium, in which coloured pigment is combined with egg yolk, demonstrates his admiration for Renaissance painting. (For his family, however, this presented a problem. Not only did the house stink of egg yolks and varnish, but as his daughter Bunty said in recalling the efforts to use up huge

volumes of egg white: "We ate meringues for breakfast, lunch and dinner.")

The timeless image was the distillation of a period in which Duncan was exposed to wildly different sources. This work was part of the Celtic Revival in Scotland. In Celtic mythology the Sidhe (pronounced 'Shee') are fairy folk. They are shown in procession, riding out on the Gaelic May Day festival of Beltane to initiate mortals into their faith. Duncan intended the pose and expression

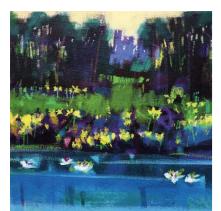
they are the tree of life for wisdom, the grail cup for love, the sword for power and the stone of quietness for will.

Duncan's talent was to blend many sources to create a modern depiction of an ancient culture. The painting was clearly influenced by Pictish and Celtic source material. The shield is loosely based on the British Museum's Battersea Shield, while the shield-bearer's sword has similarities to Bronze Age swords. His steed's mask is likely based on the Iron Age pony cap from Torrs, Aberdeenshire, which is now in the National Museum of Scotland.

The work also shows Duncan's study of Italian Renaissance artists and he also acknowledged the drapery, while he acknowledged the pre-Raphaelite artist Edward Burne-Jones' King Cophetua and the Beggar Maid (1884) as an inspiration. Duncan was also aware of developments in

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France, spending time with J.D. Fergusson in Paris in 1910 as the latter's dynamic frieze Les Eus (now in the collection of The Hunterian at the University of Glasgow) was taking shape. Duncan was also inspired by the originality of Gaugin, Rousseau and Matisse, particularly their use of strong colour.

Though Duncan was a successful artist, Riders of the Sidhe was the only one of his Celtic Revival paintings to be sold during his lifetime. It was exhibited at the Royal Scottish Academy in 1911, when it was purchased by businessman, politician and philanthropist J. Martin White. Presented to Dundee's art collection in 1912, it immediately went on display and has remained one of the treasures of Dundee's nationally significant fine art collection ever since. It has resonated with visitors for over 100 years and remains one of the most popular paintings in the building's historic Victoria Gallery. It is also admired internationally, as demonstrated by loan requests from France, Mexico and Japan.

www.mcmanus.co.uk

Iohn Duncan's art has parallels with Gustav Klimt and can be seen as a valued Scottish contribution to European Symbolism.



John Duncan's artistic journey began in Dundee, where he trained, and in 1890 he became a founder member of Dundee's Graphic Arts Association. This became Dundee Art Society, which remains one of the longest established art associations in

Duncan was no parochial figure, spending much of his career in Edinburgh after stints in Europe and the USA. In 1941 he was awarded the then unprecedented honour of a major retrospective exhibition at the National Gallery of Scotland. His art has parallels with that of the Austrian master Gustav Klimt and can be seen as a valued Scottish contribution to European Symbolism. His work on Edinburgh's Ramsay Gardens murals was inspired by the Celtic knotwork in the Book of Kells

Today Duncan appears as a solitary figure, out of step with Scottish art history. He was described as 'a man apart, living in a world of his imagination.' In fact, he was a popular and supportive mentor to a number of Scottish artists and his Thursday afternoons 'at home' were attended by Edinburgh's cultural community.

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Along with a couple of relative newcomers, they form perhaps Europe's leading art thoroughfare, while a visit to the nearby Retiro Park offers even more. Along the way you will encounter virtually every major artist from medieval times to the present day and some of the most famous works in the history of art.

The Museo Nacional del Prado is Madrid's best known attraction. Housed in a gigantic, neo-classical building opened in 1819 to display the royal art collection, the Prado is one of the world's first public art museums.



The Prado Museum on the Paseo del Arte

An ambitious expansion programme in recent years has resulted in a remodelled annex and a controversial, cube-shaped building to host temporary exhibitions.

The core of the collection reflects royal tastes and political alliances from the 15th to the 17th centuries. Works by court painters Velazquez and Goya are well represented, while political ties with France, Italy and Flanders have resulted in works by the likes of Poussin, Titian, Botticelli, Artemisia Gentileschi, Caravaggio, Rafael, Rubens, Breughel, Dürer and Van Dyck. The Prado also has the world's greatest Hieronymous Bosch collection, including his surreal triptych

The Garden of Earthly Delights, which King Felipe II had hanging on his bedroom wall.

Among the Prado's greatest attractions are the Velazquez rooms, where pride of place goes to Las Meninas (The Hand Maidens), often described as the greatest painting in the world for its complex interplay of perspectives. Velazquez depicts himself at work on the painting, while the king and queen are reflected in a mirror at the far end of the room, but in whose place every viewer also stands, observed by Velazquez, the little Infanta Margarita and other figures.

There are more rooms dedicated to Goya

than to any other artist. The works cover every stage of his career, including his images of war, such as The Third of May, 1s of war, such as *The Third of May, 1808,* depicting executions carried out by French

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A free map will guide you to the 'must sees', while the museum's website offers some suggested itineraries which will enable you to see the main masterpieces, depending on how much time you have.

www.museodelprado.es

Further up the Paseo del Prado, the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum, or simply the Thyssen, holds the private collection of the late Baron Hans-Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza, widely considered among





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The baron's collection is supplemented by works bequeathed to his wife Baroness Carmen "Tita" Cervera (a former Miss Spain), which span the 17th to 20th century and are housed in a modern extension. These include works by the likes of Fragonard, Courbet, Monet, Renoir, Gauguin, Rodin, Corot, Van Gogh, Mondrian, Klee, Ernst, Picasso, Braque and American artists such as O'Keeffe, Hopper and Rauschenberg. www.museothyssen.org

Completing the 'golden triangle' is the **Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia** in a great slab of a building flanked by exterior glass lift shafts.

The Reina Sofia's great jewel is unquestionably *Guernica*, Picasso's large painting denouncing war and fascism, which commemorates the destruction in 1937 of the Basque town of Guernica by German bombers flying in support of Franco's forces in the Spanish Civil War.

Picasso refused to allow the painting to be exhibited in Spain under the Franco regime, and it was only in 1981 that it was finally brought to Spain from the Museum of Modern Art in New York. It has hung in the Reina Sofía since 1992. (The artist had intended the painting to be housed in the Prado and his family opposed the change of location. The Basque Country also failed in its attempt to have it exhibited in the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao.)

The Reina Sofia's permanent, 20,000-piece collection contains works by practically all the major Spanish artists of the 20th century. Dali and Miro have rooms to themselves, while others include Gris, Gonzalez, Tapies, Ponce de Leon and Saura. There are also works by non-Spanish artists such as André Breton, Man Ray, Henry Moore, Dan Flavin, Anish Kapoor, Bruce Nauman, Tony Cragg, Ellsworth Kelly and Julian Schnabel.



Palacio de Velasquez



Palacio de Crista



Hieronymus Bosch's The Garden of Earthly Delights is a major visitor draw at the Prado Museum.







The museum is built around a peaceful inner courtyard with trees, giant shrubs and an unmistakable, girder-like sculpture by Alexander Calder. The Reina Sofia also curates exhibitions in the **Palacio de Cristal** and the **Palacio de Velazquez** in the Retiro park. **www.museoreinasofia.es**

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Pablo Picasso's anti-fascism *Guernica* is the Reina Sofia's top attraction.



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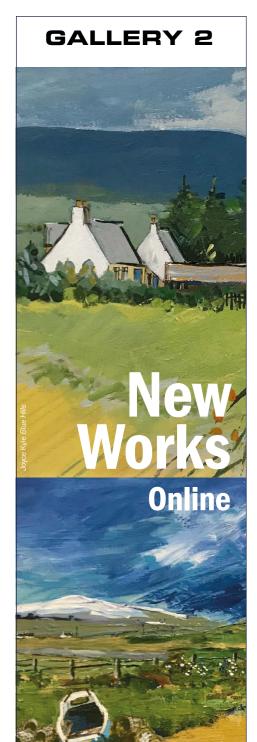
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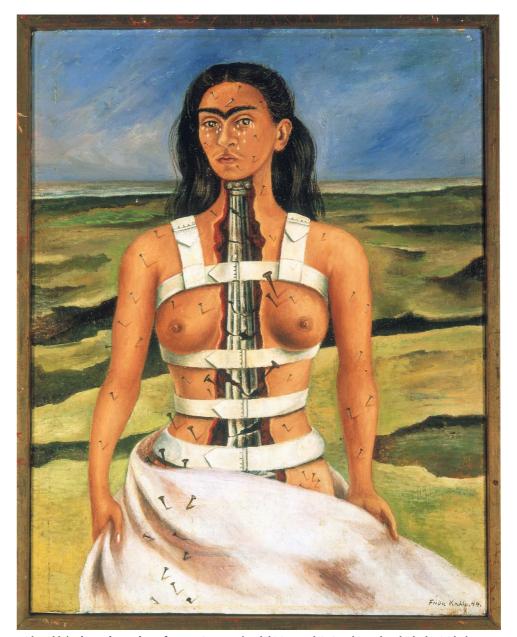
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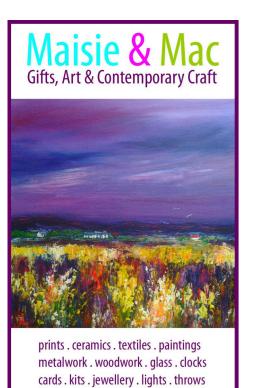
he pandemic has forced art galleries big and small throughout the world to take a closer look at how they can reach an audience online while their physical premises are closed. At the same time, software developers have come up with a variety of options for art-lovers to view exhibitions virtually.

If there is a silver lining for arts promoters to this tragic time, it may be that an improved digital element to their business might enable them to reach a larger and more widespread audience than ever before. Here are a few developments which have come to our attention.

Responding to museum and gallery closures worldwide, **VOMA** – the Virtual Online Museum of Art – is the world's first virtual museum. Opened in June 2020, it presents curated exhibitions featuring some of the best known artworks from major institutions around the world, such as the Musée d'Orsay in Paris and the Art Institute of Chicago. There is also a Discoveries wall featuring work by emerging talents. In its first two weeks VOMA attracted users from over 50 countries who accessed it via a range of devices, including computer, tablet, phone and Virtual Reality (VR) headset.

It would be virtually (sorry) impossible to bring these artworks together

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in the real world, given the logistics and costs of gathering them in one place, so this may be an example of a new paradigm enabling more people around the world to enjoy art that they might otherwise never have the opportunity to see. Says British artist Stuart Semple, who conceived VOMA: "It's going truly viral in a way the art world hadn't in the past."

www.voma.space

One of the first apps on the market to enable virtual tours of worldwide galleries

is **ArtPassport**, which provides a realistic viewing experience accompanied by a detailed history and explanation of each artwork. It features over 500 galleries in over 40 cities, including most of the world's top 50.

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'Saved' section where you can create a scrapbook of your favourite artworks and exhibitions and a 'Near Me' option to search galleries local to users anywhere in the world.

The technology works by taking 360-degree photo spheres – multiple images taken from a single viewpoint with an extremely wide angle lens -

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which are then "The lessons being learned could help processed, joined ensure the survival of arts and culture together and viewed through a special interface, via the app or on the website or in full

> VR. ArtPassport has a dedicated team of specialist VR photographers in London, New York, Los Angeles, Paris, Berlin, Hong Kong and Zurich.

Says CEO and founder Tristram Fetherstonhaugh: "At a time like this, art is an escape and it helps to relieve stress. Tapping into creativity in

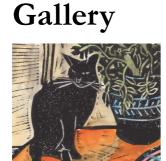




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Another growing phenomenon – video streaming – is now one of the most popular tools enabling people to access the arts. Ironically, from being criticised for the impact it could have on live performance venues, it is also creating opportunities for more diverse audience development and might encourage more arts and culture organisations to embed streaming video within their programming strategies.

Said Dr Adrian Leguina of the School of Social Sciences and Humanities at Loughborough University, who is conducting research into the impact of video streaming: "From live-streamed performances through online film festivals to guided tours of galleries, online video has helped physically sited

arts and culture institutions stay 'open."
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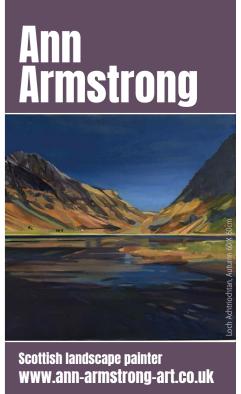
performances and exhibitions have also lifted former geographic and economic constraints on who can access arts and culture. The lessons being learned could

help ensure the survival of arts and culture organisations struggling to adapt their business models to a post-Covid landscape."

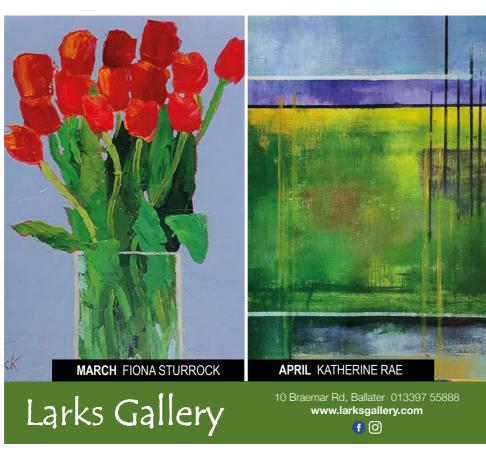
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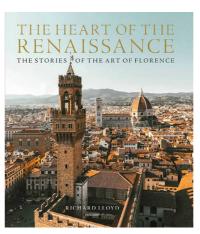






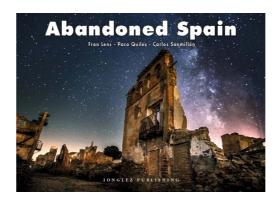
Scottish Art, by Murdo Macdonald, **pub. Thames & Hudson** In this latest installment from the excellent World of Art series, the Emeritus Professor of History of Scottish Art at the University of Dundee explores the distinctive characteristics of Scottish art over the centuries, from Neolithic standing stones, the intricate patterns of Celtic design and the tumultuous centuries of the Reformation to the importance of landscape (particularly the Highlands and the sea), Scotland's close connection with France and art produced since 1900. Colour illustrations include the Book of Kells and works by Charles Rennie Mackintosh and Joan Eardley.





The Heart of the Renaissance: The Stories of the Art of Florence, by Richard Lloyd, pub. Unicorn This art-lover's guide to the history, art and architecture of Florence describes the Christian traditions and Greek myths shown in the great works of the Italian Renaissance. Giving precise locations of the city's works of art and notable buildings, the book describes the lives of art patrons and artists and shows how and why Florence became the centre of the revival of Greek and Classical culture, making the city the heart of the Renaissance.





Abandoned Spain, by Frans Lens, Paco Quiles & Carlos Sanmillan, pub. Jonglez Publishing Towns bombed during the Spanish Civil War and never rebuilt. A railway station once teeming with Nazi and Allied The railway clay station

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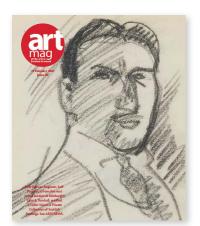
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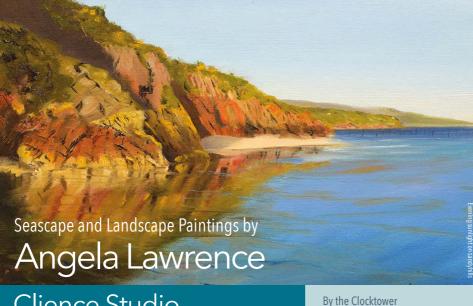
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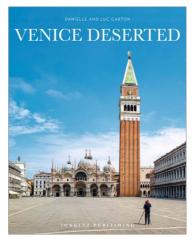
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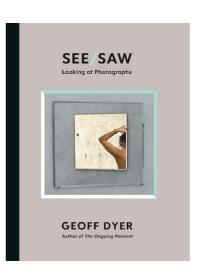
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Venice Deserted, by Danielle and Luc Carton, pub. Jonglez Publishing

During March, April and May 2020, after the coronavirus outbreak, Venice was in lockdown and totally deserted for the first time in its history. Danielle and Luc Carton, who have lived in "La Serenissima" for some years, were lucky enough to be able to photograph this most atmospheric city in such exceptional circumstances, creating a rare record of this extraordinary time. The couple have been made honorary citizens of Venice and even have their own 'sandolo', which they learned to row standing up, Venetian-style.





See/Saw - Looking at Photographs, by Geoff Dyer, pub. Canongate This

collection of essays reflecting on the unique ability of photography to shape the way we see and think about the world takes single images by important photographers to show us how to read a photograph, refreshing the way we look at images and making the invisible visible. The author also shows how a photograph can simultaneously record and invent the world and emphasises how, in an era when we are bombarded by visual information, the ability to understand and decode what we see is more important than ever.





The V&A Book of Colour in Design, by Tim Travis, pub. Thames & Hudson

Structured by colour, each chapter in this attractively simple book begins with a brief introduction on the history, symbolism and use of an individual colour and illustrates it with objects – from jewellery, textiles and glassware to ceramics, costumes and furniture - in the collections of London's Victoria and Albert Museum, with fascinating insights into the choices made by designers and makers around world. Different objects in each section are united by their common colour, revealing surprising connections between them.







