

Art exhibitions opening in London in May 2025

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London is set to showcase a rich and varied programme of art exhibitions this May. At the Barbican, Feel the Sound will transform the entire centre into a multi-sensory exploration of sound beyond hearing, while Photo London at Somerset House will celebrate a decade of cutting-edge photography. The British Museum offers two major shows — one dedicated to the serene landscapes of Hiroshige, the other exploring the spiritual heritage of Ancient India. Across the city, highlights include Leonardo Drew’s monumental sculptural wave at the South London Gallery and Cecil Beaton’s floral fantasies at the Garden Museum. Here is our guide to the art exhibitions to watch out for in London in May

Joanna Allen: Subconscious Playground



Joanna Allen, Horizon, Signed Allen, Numbered, Polished bronze and bronze with charcoal patina. Height: 8.3" (21 cm). Edition of 9 + 2 EA.

#FLODown: The debut solo exhibition by emerging British artist Joanna Allen will open at Bowman Sculpture Gallery in London from 1 to 30 May 2025. Subconscious Playground explores the hidden realms of human psychology, using a language of shifting forms that range from recognisable figures to pure abstraction. Through dreamlike sculptures crafted from patinated bronze, layered ink, and paint, Allen examines how personal memory, inherited experience, and instinct shape identity, questioning the very idea of what is considered normal. Drawing on mindful meditation and the legacy of Surrealism, her work offers a deeply introspective and visually striking journey into the psyche.

Date: 1 - 30 May 2025. **Location:** Bowman Sculpture, 6 Duke Street St James's, London SW1Y 6BN. bowmansculpture.com.

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