



The Top Exhibitions To See In London: May 2024

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Looking for an awesome London exhibition this May? Here's our roundup of must-see shows in the capital, plus a handful of additions from beyond London.

Life and death: Still Life in Britain at Pallant House Gallery, Chichester



Edward Wadsworth, *Bright Intervals*, 1928. Courtesy Museum & Art Swindon

Whether it be a Dutch painting of a table with fruit and flowers to remind us that life is fleeting, or apples on a table by Post-Impressionist Paul Cezanne, the still life painting is a rich genre. Pallant House Gallery turns its focus to British still life paintings to show how they have evolved over time, featuring artists like Vanessa Bell, David Hockney, Lucian Freud and Mona Hatoum. It's a genre that incorporates themes as wide-ranging as life and death, beauty and decay, love and loss, identity and the subconscious, abundance and waste, biodiversity and climate change, migration and the legacies of colonialism and empire.

The Shape of Things: Still Life in Britain at Pallant House Gallery, Chichester. 11 May-20 October, £14.