

From Muscat to Abu Dhabi: Three exhibitions to see in February

With the season now upon us, these three exhibitions are a must-see this spring

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Temporary exhibition at Royal Opera: House of Musical Arts, Oman

Indulge in classical art at the Louvre Abu Dhabi, learn about the history of Opera in Oman and engage the senses with an eclectic collection of arts in Dubai – here are three must-see exhibitions to look out for this February.

Poetics of Change by BBA Gallery, Dubai



Renata Kudlacek, Tulip I, Metamorphosis Naturalis, 2018, four colour screen-print on Bütten Paper

Fann A Porter at The Workshop Dubai will present a collective exhibition, *Poetics of Change* by Berlin-based BBA Gallery from 5 February - 3 March 2019, as part of a cultural exchange exhibition programme.

For their debut show in the UAE, BBA Gallery has gathered together a dynamic group of artists that includes Silvia Binda Heiserova, Giulietta Coates, Renata Kudlacek Nele Ouwens, Susanne Piotter, Vishal Shahwhose, who will explore the themes of transition and transformation through painting, hand-printed silkscreen, photography, video art and sculpture.

5 February – 3 March 2019 with opening reception on Monday, 4 February from 7.00 to 10.00pm

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Rembrandt, Vermeer & the Dutch Golden Age, Louvre Abu Dhabi



Johannes Vermeer Young Woman Seated at a Virginal

Louvre Abu Dhabi's first 2019 international exhibition, *Rembrandt, Vermeer & the Dutch Golden Age: Masterpieces from The Leiden Collection and the Muse du Louvre*, will bring together paintings and drawings by Dutch masters Rembrandt van Rijn, Johannes Vermeer and their contemporaries.

Featuring 22 paintings and drawings from across Rembrandt's career, the exhibition will survey his artistic journey in Leiden and Amsterdam and his relationships with rivals and peers, including Johannes Vermeer, Jan Lievens, Ferdinand Bol, Carel Fabritius, Gerrit Dou, Frans van Mieris and Frans Hals. The exhibition will feature 95 artworks, including paintings, drawings and objects, primarily drawn from The Leiden Collection, one of the largest and most significant private collections of artworks from the Dutch Golden Age.

Masterpieces from The Leiden Collection and the Muse du Louvre exhibition will open at Louvre Abu Dhabi on 14 February, 2019.

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Opera, 400 Years of Passion, Royal Opera: House of Musical Arts, Oman



A temporary exhibit for Opera, 400 Years of Passion

Opera, 400 Years of Passion organized by the V&A opens its first touring exhibition outside of London to be showcase at the newly opened House of Musical Arts in Oman.

The exhibition will tell the story of opera's journey to Oman with a focus on six cities: Venice, London, Vienna, Milan, Paris and Muscat. The exhibition reveals how opera brings together multiple art forms to create a new work of art, and shows how social, artistic and economic factors interact with great moments in the history of opera to tell a story over hundreds of years.

More than 200 objects have been amassed in Oman from across Europe to celebrate the story of opera, many of the pieces leaving Europe for the first time in hundreds of years. The exhibits include a comprehensive array of beautiful works - oil paintings, marble busts, costumes, textiles, glass and china ware.

The exhibition is open until 14 March and is open daily from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm (excluding Fridays and public holidays).

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