



**OLD vs NEW MASTERS**

THIS summer and through into autumn, the objects that inspired Henri Matisse, including startlingly beautiful African masks, will feature in an exhibition, **Matisse in the Studio**, at the Royal Academy, alongside the works they prompted the French painter to create.

As to masters new, Turner Prize-winning painter **Chris Ofili** is creating a handwoven tapestry for the National Gallery from April. And **Tim Noble** and **Sue Webster**, above, return next month to Blain/Southern gallery in Hanover Square, W1.

- **Chris Ofili: Weaving Magic**, National Gallery, April 26-Aug 28 ([nationalgallery.org.uk](http://nationalgallery.org.uk))
- **Sticks with Dicks and Slits**, Tim Noble and Sue Webster, Feb 3-March 25 ([blainsouthern.com](http://blainsouthern.com))
- **Matisse in the Studio**: Aug 5-Nov 12 ([royalacademy.org.uk](http://royalacademy.org.uk))

**OUT ON THE STREET**

WHITECHAPEL GALLERY is curating **Art Night** this year, after the Institute of Contemporary Art's stint last year. It's basically a "through the night" viewing, for one night only, of specially staged contemporary art throughout the East End, mixing commercial spaces, residential and non-public locations.  
 ■ July 1 ([artnight.london](http://artnight.london))

**THE GREATEST HITS**

SUMMER and autumn this year will be dominated by three guaranteed crowd-pleasers, in the shape of Giacometti, Cézanne and Amedeo Modigliani.

**Alberto Giacometti** is the first show curated by Tate Modern head Frances Morris since she took the role last year, and the first UK retrospective of the Swiss artist's work in 20 years, so book early.

The National Portrait Gallery is staging **Cézanne Portraits**, its first exhibition devoted to a French Post-Impressionist. Matisse and Picasso called Paul Cézanne "the father of us all".

Lastly, **Modigliani** at Tate Modern in November features his glorious nudes and looks at the visual traditions within the Italian Jewish artist's emigré community of Montparnasse in the Twenties.

**Book early:** Giacometti is at Tate Modern. Right, his *Head of Isabel* (1936)

Kate Gordon



**ARTISTRY IN RESIDENCE**

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- **Alberto Giacometti**, Tate Modern, May 10-Sept 10 ([tate.org.uk](http://tate.org.uk))
- **Cézanne Portraits**, National Portrait Gallery, Oct 26-Feb 11 2018 ([npg.org.uk](http://npg.org.uk))
- **Modigliani**, Tate Modern, Nov 22-April 2, 2018 (as before)

**START COLLECTING AT ART FAIRS**

IF ALL the art on view in London this year inspires you to acquire, do keep in mind some of the terrific art fairs around town, from **The Decorative Antiques and Textiles Fair** in Battersea Park and the **Affordable Art Fair** in Hampstead and Battersea, to the **Start Art Fair** and **Collect**, both at Saatchi Gallery in Chelsea.



**AMERICANS IN LONDON**

THE Royal Academy in Piccadilly next month brings us **America after the Fall: Paintings in the 1930s**. Pretty much everyone knows the American Gothic image (above) by Grant Wood, often wrongly thought to be a husband and wife – it's actually Wood's dentist, pictured alongside the artist's sister.

The picture will leave America for the first time for this show, which will also feature the work of Edward Hopper, Georgia O'Keeffe and Jackson Pollock.

■ February 25 to June 4 ([royalacademy.org.uk](http://royalacademy.org.uk))

■ **The Decorative Antiques and Textiles Fair**, January 24-29 ([decorativefair.com](http://decorativefair.com))

■ **Collect: The International Art Fair for Contemporary Objects**, from



**FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE**

MARKING the centenary of the Bolshevik uprising, the Royal Academy offers Socialist Realist art; the Design Museum stages **Imagine Moscow**, with drawings for the new city of the Twenties, and Tate Modern looks at Russian art from 1905 through to 1953.

■ **RA Revolution: Russian Art 1917-1932**, Feb 11-April 17 ([royalacademy.org.uk](http://royalacademy.org.uk))

■ **Moscow: Architecture, Propaganda, Revolution**, March 15-June 4 ([designmuseum.org](http://designmuseum.org))

■ **Red Star over Russia**, Nov 8-February 18, 2018 ([tate.org.uk](http://tate.org.uk))

- February 2-6 ([craftscouncil.org.uk](http://craftscouncil.org.uk))
- **The Affordable Art Fair**, March 9-12 ([affordableartfair.com](http://affordableartfair.com))
- **Start Art Fair**, September 14-17 ([startartfair.com](http://startartfair.com))

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