

Railway painting gifted to city

✘ An atmospheric oil painting of the Palace of Holyroodhouse which was once used as the subject of a British Rail poster has been donated to the City of Edinburgh's art collection.

The painting, by celebrated British artist Claude Buckle R.I. (1905-73), was used as a British Rail poster. Dating from 1960, the painting itself has been previously unseen by the public, having been displayed at the one-time headquarters of British Rail Scottish Region at Buchanan House in Glasgow. It will go on display at the [City Art Centre](#) later this spring. The poster itself can be seen in the [Central Library](#) on George IV Bridge.

Claude Buckle produced some 85 posters and 25 carriage prints for the railways, making him one of the most prolific and recognised railway poster artists.

Councillor Ron Cairns, Vice Convener of the Culture and Leisure Committee, accepted the donated painting at the City Art Centre on behalf of the City of Edinburgh from BRB (Residuary) Ltd, who are presenting the donation to Edinburgh's collection at the request of the [Railway Heritage Committee](#).

Cllr Cairns said: "This famous painting will no doubt be familiar to countless people in Edinburgh and beyond from its time as a railway poster, so I'm sure it will prove very popular when it goes on display. The Council is delighted to accept this generous donation."