## New art exhibition at the palace from today

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A new exhibition begins today at Holyrood Palace. This exhibition of Italian art will be shown in the Queen's Gallery and tickets are from £6.50.

A good thing about going to the Palace of Holyroodhouse is that if you get your ticket converted into a 1-year pass you can use it repeatedly without further charge for a whole year. This is true for all properties in the Royal Collection which includes Britannia here in Edinburgh.

The Royal Collection describe the artist on their website:

"He was one of the most innovative artists of the Italian Baroque. Yet Giovanni Benedetto Castiglione (1609–1664) was also a violent and impetuous man, who was repeatedly in court for assault, allegedly attempted to throw his sister off a roof, destroyed his own work in front of powerful patrons, and was forced to flee Rome in mysterious circumstances. The turbulence that characterised his life overshadowed his artistic brilliance, and Castiglione struggled to achieve the recognition that he deserved. This first exhibition in Scotland dedicated to Castiglione brings together around 100 drawings and prints, and aims to position the artist in his rightful place as one of the greatest creative figures of the Baroque."

Tickets and visitor information: <a href="www.royalcollection.org.uk">www.royalcollection.org.uk</a> or +44 (0)131 556 5100.

Castiglione: Lost Genius

The Queen's Gallery, Palace of Holyroodhouse