

Leonardo is coming to the Palace

No not that Leonardo – the real Leonardo!

Drawings by Leonardo da Vinci which form part of the Royal Collection will come to the Queen's Gallery at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in November 2019.

This is part of the 500th anniversary celebrations for the artist and will comprise a selection of 80 drawings in the largest exhibition of his work ever held in Scotland.



*The Queen's Gallery, Palace of Holyroodhouse,
Edinburgh*

Neptune, c.1504-5, black chalk and charcoal

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Until now the 144 drawings have been held as one group but they will be taken to 12 different locations across the UK before coming to Edinburgh.

The balance of the collection will then be on display at the Queen's Gallery at Buckingham Palace. The London exhibition will include two sheets which until recently were thought to be blank, but they have now been examined under ultraviolet light revealing Studies of hands for the Adoration of the Magi. Created in 1481 these are considered some of Leonardo's most beautiful drawings.

[Leonardo da Vinci: A Life in Drawing](#) from [Royal Collection Trust](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Martin Clayton, Head of Prints and Drawings, Royal Collection Trust, said: 'The drawings of Leonardo da Vinci are a national treasure, both incredibly beautiful and the main source of our knowledge of the artist.'

'We hope that as many people as possible across the UK will take this unique opportunity to see these extraordinary works, which allow us to enter one of the greatest minds in history, and to understand the man and his achievements.'

***Leonardo da Vinci: A Life in Drawing* (22 November 2019 – 15 March 2020)**

Exhibition of 80 drawings

The Queen's Gallery, Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh

Visitor information and tickets for The Queen's Galleries,
www.royalcollection.org.uk

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