

Get a little Turner in your life this January

The Turner in January exhibition opens at the Scottish National Gallery today, so go now as the paintings will only be on show till the end of the month.

The exhibition of radiant watercolours produced by Joseph Mallord William Turner (1775-1851) will be led by the Bell Rock Lighthouse. This was painted by Turner from a description by Robert Stevenson the creator along with his engineering drawings. Turner did not actually visit the lighthouse at all.

Every January the tradition is that the 38 Turner paintings bequeathed by Henry Vaughan are shown for one month only. He was conscious that if they only went on display for a short period then the colours would be better preserved. Henry Vaughan inherited his fortune from his father who had a hat making business.

We spoke to Senior Curator Charlotte Topsfield about the exhibition before it opened.

This show is supported by the players of the People's Postcode Lottery.