

Critics' choice

Visual arts Jackie Wullschlager

Francis 'Extreme Creation'

The exhibition opens in London to wide anticipation in the art world, and it is for the artist. The work, since its inception, has been a combination of drawing and sculpture. In 2004, Francis created a sculpture of a woman, which was sold to a British public collector. This was the artist's first work to be sold for the £100,000 mark. Following her work, Francis is a firm believer in the work she has produced since then. She has followed artists like David Lauder to create her own work, and she is now a leading artist in the world.

Turner Prize

The Turner Prize is the most prestigious art award in the UK. It is awarded annually to a British visual artist. The prize is named after the painter J.M.W. Turner, who is considered the greatest English painter. The prize is awarded to a British artist who has produced a work of art that is of high quality and originality. The prize is awarded to a British artist who has produced a work of art that is of high quality and originality.

Painting from Life: Carracci Freud

Ordovas, London

Ordovas launched last year with a Bacon-Rembrandt show – the Rembrandt impressively borrowed from the Musée Granet, Aix-en-Provence. Lucian Freud-Annibale Carracci is less expected but continues with verve and conviction the contemporary-Old Master dialogue increasingly favoured by museums and high-end galleries, and sanctified in the commercial market by the inauguration of Frieze Masters the following week.

Freud, looking at a head by 17th-century baroque Bolognese artist Carracci, is known to have responded: "I wish I could paint like this." Dulwich Picture Gallery is lending three works by Carracci, all single heads which are rare, intimate, penetrating portraits of old age. They stand apart from the monumental commissions, such as the frescoes for the Farnese Gallery, for which the Carracci brothers are celebrated.

The Freud portraits, from the 1960s-1970s when his style was exceptionally crystalline, include three versions of "The Painter's Mother", widowed, depressed, fiercely intelligent, squarely



Freud's 'Frank Auerbach' (1975-76); Carracci's 'Head of an Old Man' (1590-92)

facing facts; a self-portrait in a mirror which has similarities – in elusiveness and formal ingenuity – with Carracci's last melancholy self-portrait (the artist is present only in a picture on the easel); and likeness of two close friends.

Carracci rather than Freud will be the surprise for most visitors: an artist so "crazy about drawing" that, according to witnesses, he ate his meals pencil in hand. www.ordovasart.com 020 7287 5013, from Friday to December 15

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Liverpool Biennial

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Van Gogh to Kandinsky to Lyubov

This is the last chance to see the work of the Dutch painter Van Gogh. The exhibition features a wide range of his work, including his most famous painting, "Owl at Night". The exhibition is held at the National Gallery in London. It is one of the most prestigious art exhibitions in the world.

Mini Sculptor

The Mini Sculptor exhibition features a wide range of small-scale sculptures. The sculptures are made from a variety of materials, including wood, metal, and plastic. The exhibition is held at the National Gallery in London. It is one of the most prestigious art exhibitions in the world.

Dance Clement Crisp

Dash
Crisp's work is a combination of dance and sculpture. He is known for his dynamic and expressive movements. His work is often described as "modern dance". He is one of the most influential dancers of the 20th century.

Birmingham Royal Ballet

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Dance at the BBC
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