Marvin Gaye, a giant thumbs up and a transgender icon – the week in art

Spартак Четвтордх has changed her name to Marvin Gaye. Find out what's going on, plus check out the fourth plinth contenders and a new April Ashley show – in your art dispatch

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Exhibition of the week

Auerbach - Rembrandt

Frank Auerbach is a painter of meaty, mulchy, wintry power. His expressionist eye for London landscapes and the human face clearly has an affinity with Rembrandt, and here his paintings come face to face with the works of the most emotionally eloquent artist in history.

• Ordovas, London W1S from 4 October until 1 December

Other exhibitions this week

Adrián Villar Rojas
This brilliant young artist steals the show at London's newest art gallery. Beware the elephant.

• Serpentine Sackler Gallery, London W2 from 28 September until 10 November

Shunga: sex and pleasure in Japanese art
A profoundly erotic encounter with great art from early modern Japan.

• British Museum, London WC1B from 3 October until 5 January

April Ashley: portrait of a lady
A homage to Liverpool's transgender icon.

• Museum of Liverpool, Liverpool L3 from 27 September until 21 September 2014

Sarah Lucas
One of the most compelling artists of her generation struts her stuff.

• Whitechapel Art Gallery, London E1 from 2 October until 15 December