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'Tropical Modernism: Architecture and Independence', V&A

This thought-provoking exhibition by the V&A, Architectural Association and Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology comes to London. It examines the anticolonial architectural movement, which emerged after independence was achieved in India and Ghana. 2 March–22 September (vam.ac.uk).

'Enzo Mari', The Design Museum

Giant of Italian design Enzo Mari is the subject of The Design Museum's latest major exhibition. Mari's furniture and product designs – among them the '16 Animals' children's puzzle for Danese Milano – will be on show, as well as commissioned tributes from contemporary artists and designers that celebrate Mari's extraordinary 60-year career. 29 March–8 September (designmuseum.org).

'Outi Pieski', Tate St Ives

Though it may be cold outside, Sámi artist Outi Pieski's first large-scale show in the UK will fast track you to spring thanks to a deft use of colour and the playful spatial design by curator Anne Barlow. Alongside a monumental hanging textile (pictured), expect work drawing on the indigenous Sámi people's rich culture. 10 February–6 May (tate.org.uk).

Women's Museum

Led by community-focused architect Sib Trigg, this new museum building in London's Barking Wharf Square is due to be completed in March, just in time for International Women's Day. The hotly anticipated cultural venue will showcase 'the history, heritage, stories and role of women from the local area and beyond' (@womensmuseum).

Dates for your design diary...

Whether you're looking for new museum openings, landmark exhibitions or the chance to invest in a future masterpiece, this coming spring has it all

'Icons of British Fashion', Blenheim Palace

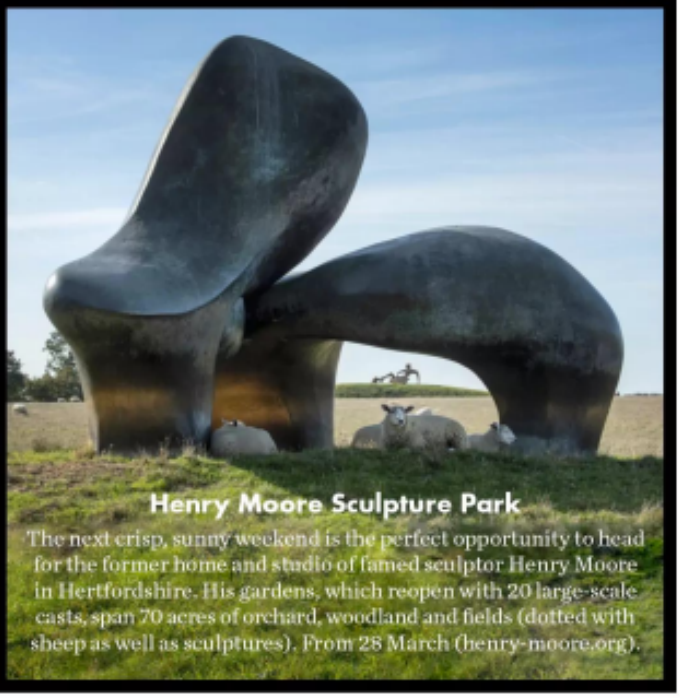
Fancy seeing fashion's elite in a palace that gives *Saltburn*'s Drayton House a run for its money? Blenheim Palace's biggest exhibition opens this March, showing work by Vivienne Westwood, Alice Temperley, Stella McCartney and more. Dress code: extravagant. 23 March–30 June (blenheimpalace.com).

'Quentin Blake: Book Covers', Rugby Art Gallery and Museum

With the Quentin Blake Centre for Illustration scheduled to open in London's Clerkenwell in 2025 (we can't wait either), there's no better time to geek out on the work of one of Britain's greatest illustrators. This exhibit shows off more than 60 of Blake's book covers, from mid-century Penguin paperbacks to finely crafted special editions. 10 February–11 May (ragm.co.uk).

'London Original Print Fair', Somerset House

Pick up prints from the likes of Barbara Hepworth, Francis Bacon and Ronan Bouroullec at London's longest-running art fair, which returns to Somerset House this year. With affordable pieces alongside special significant works, it's the ideal place to find something to adorn that plain white wall you never quite got round to decorating. 21–24 March (somersethouse.org.uk).



Henry Moore Sculpture Park

The next crisp, sunny weekend is the perfect opportunity to head for the former home and studio of famed sculptor Henry Moore in Hertfordshire. His gardens, which reopen with 20 large-scale casts, span 70 acres of orchard, woodland and fields (dotted with sheep as well as sculptures). From 28 March (henry-moore.org).

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