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EIGHT OF THE BEST

Exhibitions to get excited about in 2018

Need something to look forward to seeing?
Get a load of these cracking London shows

1 Rhythm and Reaction: The Age of Jazz in Britain

When the sound of jazz first arrived in Britain in 1918, it gathered scores of devotees as well as sax-loathing enemies. See how the jazz of post-war nightclubs and dancehalls started a chain reaction in British painting, printmaking and cinema with this display in a neo-gothic mansion. Keep the jazz hands to yourself – there's fancy stuff in here.

→ Two Temple Place. ☉ Temple.
Opens Jan 27. Free.

2 Votes for Women

One hundred years ago, the Representation of the People Act was passed, giving (some) women the right to vote in the UK for the first time. This exhibition is a celebration of the lesser known suffragettes who battled courageously to make that happen. One is Kitty Marshall, who was given a prison sentence for chucking a potato at Winston Churchill's window. And that's just the starch.

→ Museum of London. ☉ Barbican. Opens Feb 2. Free. Individual event prices vary.

3 T-Shirt: Cult – Culture – Subversion

How long have you spent mulling over the meaning of the humble T-shirt? Probably as long as it took you to sling it over your head this morning, right? But a T-shirt can be anything from a wearable protest banner to a rock 'n' roll tribute. Get a load of Vivienne Westwood's private collection and be inspired to make a statement of your own.

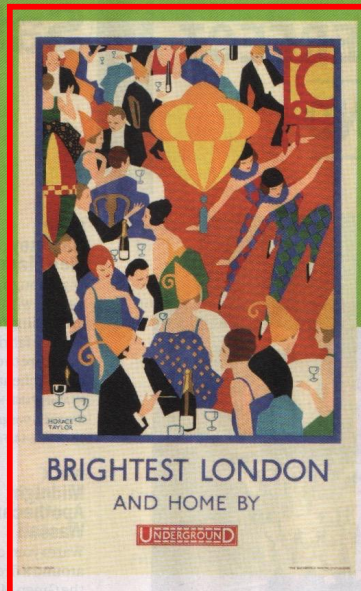
→ Fashion and Textile Museum. ☉ London Bridge.
Opens Feb 9. £9.90.

4 Hope to Nope: Graphics and Politics 2008-2018

There's no denying that 2016 was a political shitshow – and the eight years that preceded it didn't run so smoothly either. 'Hope to Nope' plans to dissect the methods we have utilised over that time, from reams of memes to protest art and political posters. Think of it as a chance to gather slogans to put on the inevitable protest placards of the coming year.

→ Design Museum. ☉ High St Kensington.
Opens Mar 28. Tickets available soon.





Tee off Clockwise from far left: 'T-Shirt: Cult - Culture - Subversion', 'Rhythm and Reaction: The Age of Jazz in Britain', 'Object'

exhibition offers another chance to see what goes on in the depths of the oceans. You'll have to imagine Attenborough's comforting BBC tones for yourself.

→ Natural History Museum. ☺ South Kensington. Opens Jul 13. Ticket price tbc.

7 | Object

'Object' is something you yell in American courtroom dramas, 'Object' (it's a working title) is something quite different but no less satisfying: a classic, ultra-thorough and super-fascinating exhibition from the British Museum. It's all about the ways objects have been used to mock, cajole and undermine systems of power throughout history. From ancient Mesopotamia to modern Brexitotamia, get ready for more dissent and satire than you can handle. No objections here.

→ British Museum. ☺ Holborn. Opens Sep 6. Ticket price tbc.

8 Poppies: Weeping Window

As the old saying goes, once you poppy, you can't stoppy. So when Paul Cummins and Tom Piper's mega-popular installation 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' at the Tower of London stoppied – and went on tour around the country – London lost a seriously emotive work of art and a major tourist attraction to boot. But stoppy your crying, because the poppies are coming back to London this year for 'Weeping Window', filling the grounds of the Imperial War Museum in autumn. So you'll get another opp to cop the poppos, copy? ■

→ Imperial War Museum. ☺ Elephant & Castle. Opens Oct 6. Free. *Stephanie Hartman and Eddy Frankel*

5 Frida Kahlo: Making Her Self Up

When Mexican artist Frida Kahlo died in 1954, her husband Diego Rivera shut away her possessions in the famous Blue House she was born, lived and died in. It took 50 years for the cupboard to be unlocked and the bounty of beautiful outfits belonging to her to be seen again. This is your chance to see stunning Tehuana dresses, jewellery, letters, photographs and decorated medical corsets. You couldn't make it up, but Kahlo could.

→ V&A. ☺ South Kensington. Opens Jun 16. Tickets available soon.

6 Life in the Dark

Do you ever think about the dark side of nature? And no, we're not talking about shirtless Kylo Ren. For its next show, the Natural History Museum will follow moles, moths and crocodiles into the shadows to see what they get up to when the lights go out. Find out how foxes spend a night on the prowl (other than rummaging through our bins) and see the internal, nocturnal lives of original specimens from the museum's collection. If you're missing 'Blue Planet', this

