

The best art exhibitions in London for June 2026

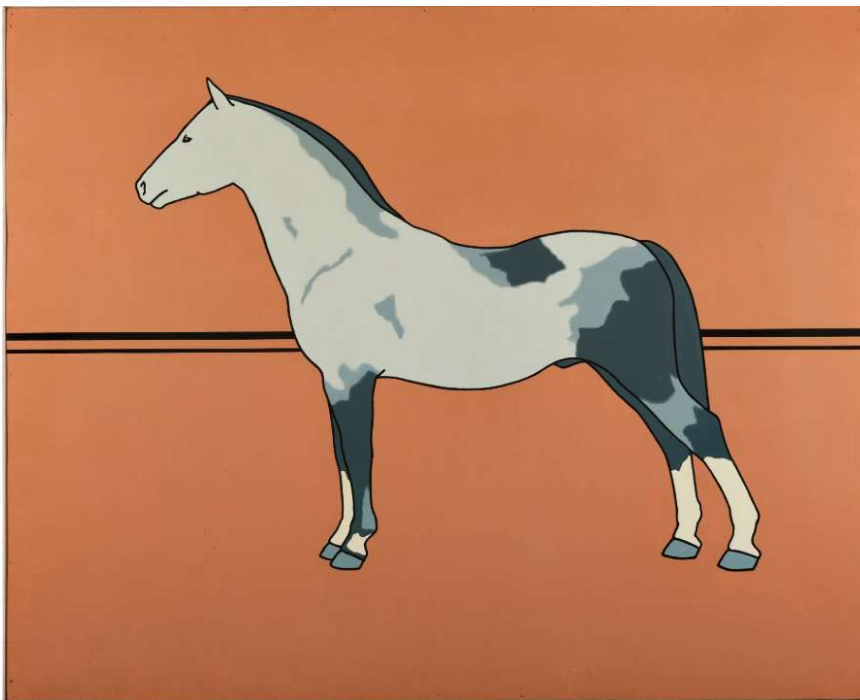
From Barbara Hepworth to Frida Kahlo, the RA Summer Exhibition to London Gallery Weekend – all the must-see art in London this month

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As the mercury rises, it can be worth remembering that many of our art galleries are climate controlled. Moreover, there is a slew of outstanding and inspiring art exhibitions in London to see this month. At the [Courtauld](#), a presentation of Barbara Hepworth's work in colour transports the viewer to the Cornish coast, while [Tate Modern](#)'s focus on Frida Kahlo explores the many dimensions of an artist who has become a cultural phenomenon. The [National Gallery](#)'s Zurbaràn is essential viewing for anyone who loves textiles – his mastery at capturing brocade, tassels and trimmings is unmatched – [Tate Britain](#) is showing Whistler who led the move from realism towards modernism with his belief in 'art for art's sake', and the [Barbican](#) is exploring the impact of Pan-Africanism on visual arts.

But there is also a strong emphasis on our commercial galleries this month, thanks to [London Gallery Weekend](#). Over three days, each given over to a specific area, there are talks, family workshops and special events to encourage exploration of our capital's diverse cultural and creative communities. There are [curated routes](#) put together to help – or you can map your own way, taking in the exhibitions that appeal, a few of which are listed below. To note is that those exhibitions extend beyond the weekend, affording us more time to enjoy the varied offerings.



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Treasure House Fair at the Royal Hospital Chelsea

Now in its fourth year, the [Treasure House Fair](#), which takes place in the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, has become renowned for its appealing combination of art, antiques and design, brought together by seventy dealers who are all experts in their individual specialities – making the fair fascinating and a joy to visit, even if you're not planning on buying anything.

June 24 – 30; treasurehousefair.com

Pictured: Patrick Caulfield, Pony, 1964, courtesy Waddington Custot