

MASTERS' MELTING POT

For just over a week in July, galleries in London's W1 will be joining forces to display some of their most significant works of art



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LONDON, MORE specifically Mayfair and St James's, is home to some of the most impressive art galleries in the world, those displaying and dealing in the most important works on the market. London Art Week is a celebration of the art, the galleries and the city. The exceptional venues in this singular neighbourhood always open their doors to everyone – be they experts or novices, buyers or browsers, curators or collectors; so no-one should ever be shy about pushing the buzzer. But for just over a week, the displays in this cluster of lovingly curated spaces will be particularly notable. With some pieces on special loan from private collections, and with many works for sale, these mini-museums are a melting-pot of excitement, and while most pieces carry the price tags expected, there are also many more affordable pieces on offer.

The event incorporates over 50 art galleries, three major auction houses and international dealers, who come to London to join the celebration of paintings, drawings and sculpture from antiquity to the 20th century. With all participants within walking distance of each other, many putting on special events and exhibitions, and everyone excited at the prospect of sharing knowledge and discoveries, London Art Week offers a very special platform for anyone with an interest in fine art ■ *London Art Week runs 1-8 July (preview 30 June). For details, visit londonartweek.co.uk*

- 1** Gold drachm of Syracuse (Sicily), c317-310bc, minted under Agathocles - Kallos Gallery (020 7493 0806; kallosgallery.com).
- 2** William Alexander, *Chinese Figures on a River Bank*, 1793 - Martyn Gregory (020 7839 3731; martyngregory.com).
- 3** Amedeo Modigliani, *Standing Nude in Profile*, c1910 - Stephen Ongpin Fine Art (020 7930 8813; stephenongpin.com).
- 4** Leonard Tsuguharu Foujita, *Les Tulipes*, 1920 - Aktis Gallery (020 7629 6531; aktis-gallery.co.uk).
- 5** John Constable, *Dedham Vale*, 1813 - Lowell Libson (020 7734 8686; lowell-libson.com).
- 6** Antonio Canova, *Colossal Bust of Giuseppe Bossi*, 1816 - Katz (020 7493 0688; katz.co.uk).
- 7** Cornelius Johnson, *Sir William Campion of Combwell*, c1633 - Weiss Gallery (020 7409 0035; weissgallery.com).