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***Anna Ancher: Painting Light* at Dulwich Picture Gallery**

The first major UK exhibition showcasing Anna Ancher's work opens at the Dulwich Picture Gallery. Though Ancher is a highly regarded and pioneering female artists in Danish history, she is still relatively unknown in the UK. This exhibition brings together more than 40 of her masterpieces, including works on loan from The Hirschsprung Collection and Skagens Museum, and it will also feature works by four of Ancher's female contemporaries on loan from the collection of Sandi Toksvig.

The exhibition is curated in partnership with Skagens Museum. Ancher was a central figure among the Skagen Painters, and the only one of its first generation to have grown up in Skagen. Her upbringing

brought an intimate connection to the area, which is visible in her many paintings depicting the town and its people. Above all, her deep fascination with light and her masterful depiction of it has ensured her reputation as an innovative artist of her time.

Anna Ancher: Painting Light will be on view at Dulwich Picture Gallery until 8 March 2026.

Photo: Anna Ancher, *Sunlight in the Blue Room*, 1891. Oil on canvas. Image courtesy of Skagens Museum.

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Playing with Fire: Edmund de Waal and Axel Salto at Hepworth Wakefield

The Hepworth Wakefield will showcase the first major exhibition of one of Denmark's most acclaimed ceramicists, Axel Salto. The exhibition is curated by the British artist and author Edmund de Waal, bringing together Salto's ceramics as well as works on paper and textiles, along with a major new installation by de Waal. The exhibition is developed in partnership with CLAY Museum of Ceramic Art in Denmark, where the exhibition was previously exhibited, as well as with Kunstsilo in Norway.

Playing with Fire: Edmund de Waal and Axel Salto is on view at the Hepworth Wakefield from 22 November–4 May 2026.

Photo: Edmund de Waal surrounded by Axel Salto's work at the Clay Museum of Ceramic Art Denmark. Photo by Peter Leth-Larsen. © Axel Salto/VISDA

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Artist Talk: John Kørner at the British Museum

Danish artist John Kørner will be doing an artist talk at the British Museum on 28 November. The talk is part of the public programme supporting the current *Nordic Noir* exhibition at the British Museum. Kørner's work often addresses contemporary issues and geopolitical ideas like climate change and consumerism, such as in the work *Understanding the Impact of Architecture 12*, which is part of the *Nordic Noir* exhibition.

The talk will take place on 28 November at 6.30 pm. It is free to attend, but advance booking is required.

Photo: *Understanding the Impact of Architecture 12*, 2020, John Kørner. Reproduced by permission of the artist © The Trustees of the British Museum

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THE WAX CHILD

'Olga Ravn is a master and an alchemist' SAMANTHA HARVEY



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RAVN

Book Release: *The Wax Child* by Olga Ravn

The Wax Child by Olga Ravn, one of Denmark's most celebrated contemporary authors, will be published in the UK by Penguin Viking. Inspired by a seventeenth century Danish witch trial, the book follows a woman and the figure of a child she creates from melted beeswax and the rumours that she is involved in witchcraft.

Olga Ravn will be in the UK for events celebrating the book's release. She will be visiting Bath on 4 November and Edinburgh on 6 November.

The Wax Child by Olga Ravn is out on 6 November.

Photo: Penguin Books UK

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BATH: 4/11

EDINBURGH: 6/11



***Nordic Lights* Private Sales Exhibition at Christie's**

A private selling exhibition of works by Nordic artists will be on view at Christie's in London. The exhibition *Nordic Lights* will showcase artworks and design pieces from distinguished Scandinavian collections, united by the importance of light. Danish artists such as Peder Mønsted and L.A. Ring are among those featured in the exhibition.

Nordic Lights will be on view at Christie's 20 November–12 December.

Photo: PEDER MØRK MØNSTED (Danish, 1859-1941), *Winter day in Høsterkøb forest*, 1917, oil on canvas, 47 x 71 1/2 in. (120 x 182 cm.) This will be featured in the Nordic Lights Private Sales exhibition from 20 November - 12 December 2025 at Christie's King Street

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ON THE CALCULATION OF VOLUME



Shortlisted for the International Booker Prize

SOLVEJ BALLE



Book Release: *On the Calculation of Volume III* by Solvej Balle

The third volume of Solvej Balle's landmark European masterpiece, *On the Calculation of Volume III*, will be published by Faber. In Balle's series, a woman called Tara Selter is stuck, continuously waking up on the eighteenth of November. In the third volume, Tara has lived that day 1,143 times, when she notices a difference: a man has changed his shirt. The man also remembers all the days that have come before, and suddenly Tara is no longer alone.

On the Calculation of Volume III was the winner of the Nordic Council Prize for Literature and was shortlisted for the International Booker Prize.

On the Calculation of Volume III by Solvej Balle is out on 20 November.

Photo: Faber

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***Neither Here Nor There* at Voila Theatre Festival**

The play *Neither Here Nor There* by Interlink Theatre is part of the Voila Theatre Festival programme. The show follows two women, one second-generation Chinese-Spanish and the other mixed-race Danish, Nigerian and Italian. The raw dialogue between the two offers a deeply poignant and personal reflection on alienation, racial prejudice and the search for home.

Neither Here Nor There will be performed at The Playground Theatre on 13 November.

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Erika de Casier Performs at Roundhouse

Erika de Casier, a singer-songwriter born in Portugal and raised in Denmark, will perform at the Roundhouse as part of the 2025 Pitchfork Music Festival in London. Earlier this year, she released her fourth album *Lifetime*, filled with 90s inspired tracks and R&B and synth sounds.

Erika de Casier will perform at the Roundhouse on 7 November.

Photo: Colin Solal Cardo

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Tine Bech Light Artwork at Glow and Lightwaves

Danish artist Tine Bech will present a new interactive light artwork at the light festivals Glow and Lightwaves in Manchester. The dual-site interactive light installation will link Glow and Lightwaves, allowing audiences to co-create light through a shared lighting colour system and live webcam feed.

Pictured above is another dual-sited interactive light installation by Bech, which connected Aarhus Rådhus and the Danish Embassy in London.

Light artwork by Tine Bech will be on view at Glow at RHS Garden Bridgewater in Salford on 26 November–30 December and at Lightwaves at The Lowry Salford Quays on 4–7 December.

Photo: *We Believe*, a dual sited interactive light installation, by Tine Bech Studio Photo by Jakob Lerche

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Little North Performs at Cambridge Jazz Festival

The Danish Jazz piano trio Little North will perform at the 2025 Cambridge Jazz Festival. The group consisting of Lasse Jacobsen on drums, Martin Brunbjerg Rasmussen on bass and Benjamin Nørholm Jacobsen on piano has reached high critical acclaim for their five albums. Together they bring a cinematic sound and strong sense for melody and harmony based in the strong Nordic jazz tradition.

Little North will perform at Hidden Rooms in Cambridge on 14 November.

Photo: Søren Lynggaard

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Book Release: *Freezing Point* by Anders Bodelsen

Originally released in Danish in 1969, the dystopian classic *Freezing Point* by Anders Bodelsen will be published in the UK by Faber. The book follows a young man diagnosed with incurable cancer, who is presented with the opportunity to be 'frozen down' until a cure for his disease has been found. Decades later he wakes up to a changed world.

Freezing Point is out on 6 November.

Photo: Faber

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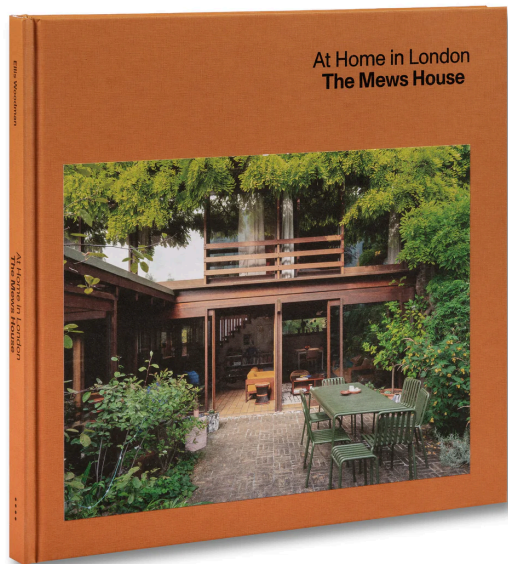
Portraits of Danish Royals at Nottingham Castle

The exhibition *Lives in Motion: Stories of migration from the 11th century to the present day* is a touring exhibition from the National Portrait Gallery, which will be on display at Nottingham Castle. Among the portraits featured are two of Danish Royals, one of Anne of Denmark (circa 1628-1644) as well as *The Landing of HRH The Princess Alexandra at Gravesend, 7th March 1863* (1864), which commemorates the arrival in England of Princess Alexandra of Denmark for her marriage to the then Prince of Wales, later Edward VII.

Lives in Motion is on view at Nottingham Castle until 8 March 2026.

Photo: Painting: *The Landing of HRH The Princess Alexandra at Gravesend, 7th March 1863* (1864) by Henry Nelson O'Neil © National Portrait Gallery, London

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Book Release: *At Home in London: The Mews House*

The book *At Home in London: The Mews House* is the second in a series on types of London housing co-published by MACK Books and The Architecture Foundation.

The book features the mews houses on 101-107 Pavilion Road, which are part of the Danish Embassy designed by Arne Jacobsen.

At Home in London: The Mews House is out now.

Photo: Mack Books & The Architecture Foundation. Photos: Matthew Blunderfield.

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LIKE BROTHERS at Orange Tree Theatre

The Orange Tree theatre presents a script-in-hand reading of Alexander Mayah Nielsen's play *LIKE BROTHERS*. The reading is part of their series *Northern Lights*, with readings on Nordic themes. Inspired by Nielsen's experience growing up in a Danish-Iranian household, the play follows two siblings as their parents' increasing estrangement and outside pressures cause their lives to veer in different directions.

LIKE BROTHERS will be performed at the Orange Tree Theatre on 14 November.

Photo: Orange Tree Theatre

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Christmas Bazaar at the Danish YWCA

The Danish YWCA will host their traditional Christmas Bazaar at the end of November. The annual Bazaar features stalls selling sweets, decorations and Christmas cards, a lottery and tombola and classic Danish Christmas food and drinks like Æbleskiver and Gløgg.

The Christmas Bazaar takes place at the Danish YWCA in Hampstead on 29–30 November.

Photo: Dansk KFUK / Danish YWCA

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