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15 GREAT THINGS TO DO THIS WEEKEND IN LONDON: 25-26 JANUARY

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15 great things to do in London this weekend from winter lights festivals in Canary Wharf and Battersea to beautiful ballet in Bromley

Lead image: Constellations by Joanie Lemerrier, part of Winter Lights at Canary Wharf (photo: Kyle McDonald)

4 **Filthy Lucre: Whistler's Peacock Room Reimagined at the V&A** 25 January-3 May

Filthy Lucre, an installation by American artist Darren Waterston, opens in the Porter Room at the V&A on 25 January. The installation is an immersive interpretation of James Abbott McNeill Whistler's famed Peacock Room, a sumptuous 19th-century dining room once housed just a stone's throw away from the V&A. In Waterston's re-imagining, the Peacock Room is transformed into a magnificent ruin, crumbling under the weight of material decadence to highlight the tension between art and money, ego and patronage. Initially invited by his friend and patron Frederick Leyland to consult on the room's colour scheme, Whistler proceeded to redesign the room while Leyland was away from London, causing a huge row that ended up splashed across the tabloids. Entrance to the installation is free.

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