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# Free art in London: Five artworks on display you can't usually see, from Stormzy to Queen Elizabeth I

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London's museum walls are already crammed to the ceiling with thousands of the world's greatest paintings, photographs, sculptures and drawings.

Every so often, though, a gem of an artwork goes on display that the public rarely gets a chance to see.

Whether it's normally kept in a museum with an entry fee or held in a private collection, we've picked out a few masterpieces you've only got a limited time to see for free.

From a celebrity portrait to a decadent installation, here are some of the artworks you should see now in London, before they're gone:

## **Filthy Lucre by Darren Waterston**



(Amber Gray)

An interior design scandal of the 1890s was splashed across the tabloids when James Abbott McNeill Whistler went way overboard decorating his friend's house. Frederick Richards Leyland invited him to consult on a dining room, but when Leyland left London, Whistler redesigned the room in extravagant colours and peacock designs. Darren Waterston's installation reimagining of the Peacock Room turns up the dial on its decadence showing the room collapsing under its own grandeur.

**When and Where?** Until May 3, Filthy Lucre at V&A Museum, [vam.ac.uk](http://vam.ac.uk)