

Leonardo da Vinci: A Life in Drawing

Partner quotes

Kathryn Thomson, Chief Executive, National Museums Northern Ireland, said: 'We are so pleased that a selection of Leonardo's finest drawings will be coming to Belfast, as part of this ambitious UK-wide tour. We are sure this exhibition will excite and engage both local and international visitors to the Ulster Museum, and will greatly enrich our art exhibitions in 2019. I am grateful to Royal Collection Trust for its partnership.'

Gurminder Kenth, Museum Manager, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, said: 'We are thrilled to be part of the Leonardo 500th anniversary celebrations, showcasing the extraordinary talent and skill of one of the world's greatest artists. When a selection of Leonardo da Vinci drawings from the Royal Collection were on display here at the museum in 2012, it was an extremely popular exhibition, with queues forming for the chance to see the works up close. With a different selection of drawings to display in 2019, we are sure that people in Birmingham will be just as excited about this unique opportunity to see Leonardo's works on display.'

Laura Pye, Head of Culture, Bristol City Council, said: 'We are thrilled to be one of the host venues for this national celebration of Leonardo da Vinci in 2019. Partnering with Royal Collection Trust means we can bring globally significant art to Bristol so that more people can see Leonardo's extraordinary expertise for themselves.'

David Anderson, Director General of Amgueddfa Cymru, National Museum Wales, said: 'We are delighted to be working in partnership with Royal Collection Trust in bringing this exhibition of exceptional drawings by one of the great artists of the Renaissance to National Museum Cardiff. It is very exciting to be part of this ambitious programme which makes Leonardo's work widely accessible to audiences across the UK. I hope our visitors here in Wales take the opportunity to see this extraordinary collection of drawings in person and learn more about Leonardo da Vinci's fascinating life.'

Chair of Glasgow Life, Councillor David McDonald, said: 'We are absolutely delighted drawings by Leonardo da Vinci will go on display at Kelvingrove Museum, as part of Royal Collection Trust's nationwide event. As the only Scottish venue to host Leonardo drawings as part of the simultaneous display across the country, we are eagerly anticipating the arrival of works by an artist widely considered to be one of the greatest of all time.'

'Over one million people visit Kelvingrove Museum every year and we are proud that like all Glasgow Museums it remains free to visit. Many of our visitors will be thrilled to hear a

selection of Leonardo's sketches is coming to Glasgow and that they will have the opportunity to see the master's intricate drawings up close.

'Kelvingrove Museum houses one of Europe's finest art collections so we are excited to extend our offering by hosting *Leonardo da Vinci: A Life in Drawing*. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage citizens and visitors alike and join in the national celebration of one of the most internationally recognisable artists ever to have lived.'

Councillor Judith Blake, Leader of Leeds City Council, said: 'We are thrilled to be working with Royal Collection Trust for the second time to host a selection of these stupendous drawings that demonstrate the genius that was Leonardo. *Leonardo da Vinci: A Life in Drawing* provides a unique prelude to the region's Yorkshire Sculpture International, from June 2019, which is funded through Arts Council England's Ambitions for Excellence scheme. This is a great opportunity for people across Leeds to access such a fantastic collection.'

Xanthe Brooke, Curator of European Fine Art, National Museums Liverpool, said: 'We are excited to be working with Royal Collection Trust on this national project to display Leonardo da Vinci's drawings across the UK. The Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool will be looking at the diversity of subjects that inspired Leonardo's creativity – from botanical and anatomy studies to the design of theatrical costumes, hairstyles and ferry-boat plans. The exhibition will also provide the opportunity to showcase National Museums Liverpool's own diverse collections and will be accompanied by a lively events programme.'

Alistair Hudson, Director, Manchester Art Gallery, said: 'We are extremely proud to be part of *Leonardo da Vinci: A Life in Drawing*, with the opportunity to exhibit 12 exquisite drawings by Leonardo in Manchester. Manchester Art Gallery was founded on principles that would promote science and the arts to make a difference in people's lives, and here, in the art of Leonardo, with his skills deployed in the pursuit of knowledge, we see this demonstrated most clearly. Alongside the exhibition we will show a selection of works from our collections, reflecting on the depiction of the body in art. We are delighted to partner with Royal Collection Trust and the 11 other galleries nationwide on this ambitious national project to bring Leonardo's drawings to such a wide audience, and to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the artist's death.'

Kirstie Hamilton, Head of Exhibitions & Displays, Museums Sheffield, said: 'We are delighted to be taking part in this nationwide celebration of a true visionary. Drawing and innovation are cornerstones of the collections we care for in Sheffield, and we are thrilled to be working with Royal Collection Trust to show these spectacular works at the Millennium Gallery.'

Councillor Satvir Kaur, Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture and Leisure, Southampton, said: 'It is a great honour to be welcoming Leonardo da Vinci's drawings to Southampton City Art Gallery, in the heart of Southampton's Cultural Quarter. We are delighted to be part of this truly remarkable national project, in partnership with Royal Collection Trust. Leonardo da Vinci is one of the greatest artists of all time, and we are thrilled to be the only gallery on the south coast to be hosting this exhibition.'

Councillor John Kelly, Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Wellness and Culture, Sunderland City Council, said: 'We are absolutely delighted that Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens has been selected as a venue for *Leonardo da Vinci: A Life in Drawing*. Many people will have heard of Leonardo da Vinci, but few will have had the pleasure of seeing some of his greatest drawings up close. As the only venue in the North East to display his works, we look forward to welcoming many visitors to the museum to enjoy this unique and extraordinary opportunity.'