

20 Essential Museum Shows to See in Europe in 2020, From Matisse at the Pompidou to Lynette Yiadom-Boakye at Tate Britain

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[“Lynette Yiadom-Boakye \(https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-britain/exhibition/lynette-yiadom-boakye\)”](https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-britain/exhibition/lynette-yiadom-boakye) at Tate Britain



Lynette Yiadom-Boakye, *Condor and the Mole*(2011). Arts Council Collection, Southbank Centre, London. ©Courtesy of Lynette Yiadom-Boakye.

WHAT: The British painter and writer, who was shortlisted for the Turner Prize in 2013, is best known for her contemporary portraits of imaginary black characters, which often allude to European art history, from Goya to John Singer Sargent to Édouard Manet. The politics of identity and representation come to the fore in this exhibition, which

will bring more than 80 paintings and works on paper spanning 2003 to the present in Yiadom-Boakye's most extensive museum survey to date.

WHERE: Tate Britain, Millbank, Westminster, London SW1P 4RG, UK

WHEN: May 19–August 31

“Magdalena Abakanowicz (<https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-modern/exhibition/magdalena-abakanowicz>)” at Tate Modern



Magdalena Abakanowicz, *Abakan Red* (1969). Tate. © Magdalena Abakanowicz Foundation.

WHAT: The Polish sculptor Magdalena Abakanowicz is best known for her so-called “Abakans,” towering hanging sculptures made with woven sisal fiber, which she created in the 1960s and ’70s. Now, Tate will exhibit the most significant examples of these works, which are rarely seen together, in a 209-foot-long open gallery space. Other key works in the show include early textiles, her “War Games” sculptures, as well as wood and iron pieces made around the trunks of felled trees.

WHERE: Tate Modern, Bankside, London SE1 9TG, UK

WHEN: June 17–September 13