

# what's on **critics' choice**

## Exhibitions

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### The Whitworth Art Gallery

**Top pick** The Whitworth reopens with a major solo show by Cornelia Parker, including her hauntingly delicate mobile created from the fragments of an exploded garden shed. *Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester (0161 2757450), from today*

### Around London

**Ali Banisadr: At Once** He's the hottest new talent in America and now the Iranian-born artist, who pushes abstract expressionism into a new postmodern world, stages

his first solo show in this country. *Blain Southern, W1 (020 7493 4492), to Mar 21*

### History is Now: 7 Artists Take on Britain

The recent past of this country is looked at via works selected by seven artists. Expect everything from pictures of Glyndebourne opera-goers to government memos on CJD to LS Lowry's take on British beaches. *Hayward Gallery, SE1 (020 7960 4200), to Apr 26*

### Magnificent Obsessions: The Artist as Collector

Items from the personal



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Works by LS Lowry, above, and Hayley Newman, below, at the History Is Now show

collections of postwar and contemporary artists, including Edmund de Waal and Damien Hirst. *Barbican, EC2 (020 7638 8891), to May 25*

### Peder Balke

An unsung forerunner of modernism, the Norwegian produced expansive seascapes as beautiful as they were



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