Short courses

The V&A summer course 1997

The history of art and architecture in the West

Tuesdays to Fridays, 29 July - 29 August 1997, 11.00 - 16.30

Lecture Theatre

This well-established and popular month-long course provides an introduction to the history of the fine and decorative arts in the West from the Classical period to the present day. No prior knowledge of art history is needed to attend this course which is specifically tailored to the needs of enthusiastic beginners.

The main developments in architecture, sculpture, painting, design and the decorative arts are discussed in two daily slide lectures of one-and-a-half hours each. Themes established in the lectures are developed further in a choice of afternoon gallery talks each day. The talks introduce students to the Museum and provide the opportunity of learning from its incomparable collections of fine and decorative arts. Book lists and other material will be distributed during the course.

A weekly lunch will be held for all course members with full course or weekly course tickets.

Week 1 From pagan to Christian

Tuesday 29 July

10.45 Introduction to the course
11.00 The glory of ancient Greece. Peter Draper
14.00 The splendour of ancient Rome. Peter Draper
15.30 Gallery talks

Wednesday 30 July

11.00 Constantine and the birth of Christian art. Sally Dormer
14.00 Byzantium: the new Rome. Tanya Alfillé
15.30 Gallery talks

Thursday 31 July

11.00 The age of Charlemagne, Otto and Alfred. Tanya Alfillé
14.00 Romanesque art and the twelfth-century Renaissance. Sally Dormer
15.30 Gallery talks

Friday 1 August

11.00 Cathedrals and courts of Gothic Europe. Sally Dormer
14.00 Innovation and achievement in Trecento Italy. Tanya Alfillé
15.30 Gallery talks

Week 2 Early modern Europe: Renaissance to Enlightenment

Tuesday 5 August

11.00 Revival and rebirth: ideas of the Renaissance. Peter Draper
14.00 Italy and the early Renaissance. Catherine Reynolds
15.30 Gallery talks

Wednesday 6 August

11.00 The Renaissance outside Italy. Catherine Reynolds
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15.30 Gallery t

Thursday 7 Augu

11.00 The Abs
seventeer
Caroline
14.00 The Abs
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sculpture
15.30 Gallery t

Friday 8 August

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15.30 Gallery t

Week 3 Taste an
from Rococo to

Tuesday 12 Augu

11.00 Pleasure
design in
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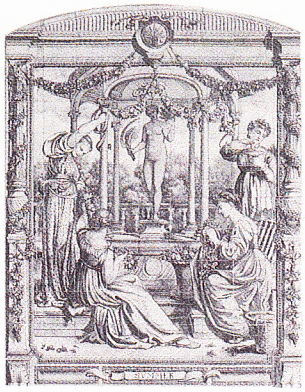
14.00 Pleasure
sculpture
Europe. Catherine Parry-Wingfield
15.30 Gallery talks



Victoria and Albert Museum, Poynter Room: tile entitled 'Summer'.