



TAYLOR WESSING PORTRAIT PRIZE

Throughout December
National Portrait Gallery

Celebrating the very best in contemporary portraiture, this competition is renowned for celebrating a diverse range of artworks. Each nominee captures moods and emotions in their subjects, but we love this moving piece, *Nyaueth*, by Peter Zelewski. ♦ *St Martin's Place, WC2H; npg.org.uk*



The Lorax

From 3 December
The Old Vic

This colourful Christmas show is inspired by Dr. Seuss's classic children's book, The Lorax, and tells the story of a Ted, a charming creature whose aim is to protect the world from a greedy businessman. Brought to the stage by the brilliant Max Webster, this show merges theatre, music and comedy for a festive spectacle like no other.

*The Cut, SE1;
oldvictheatre.com*

SKATE AT SOMERSET HOUSE

Throughout December
Somerset House

Get your skates on this winter and glide around the courtyard of Somerset House as it is transformed into an iced arcadia. After dark, the rink will host some of London's most exclusive music events and, what's more, you can après-skate your way through the festive season fuelled by cocktails and hot chocolate available at the Fortum's Lodge. ♦ *Strand, WC2R; somersethouse.org.uk*

must do



SHOW OF THE MONTH

ASEMIC

Until 19 December
Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery

Artists James Alec Hardy, André Hemer and Hiroshi Tachibana bring their works together, playing with the opposing themes of distance and intimacy. Although they employ a variety of techniques and media to explore these concepts, each artist uses shape and colour to speak the same abstract

language. Within this collection of the asemic – where mutable ideas and objects blend in a vacuum of meaning – the thought-provoking pieces on display are sure to intrigue, and possibly, mystify. ♦

*533 Old York Road, SW18;
kristinhjellegjerde.com*