

Art is everywhere in London

LOOK around you.....art is everywhere!

More than 22,000 poster sites and billboards have been taken over across the UK this month to showcase some of Britain's greatest art – and much of it is here, on your doorstep.

See it on the streets, at bus stops, stations, supermarkets and shopping malls, on London's buses and in black cabs.

This massive outdoor exhibition, called Art Everywhere UK, has been described as the largest of its kind in the world and gives people the chance to see some of the nation's favourite works of art.

A total of 57 British masterpieces are featured. They include Waterhouse's 'The Lady of Shalott',



Millais's 'Ophelia', Turner's 'The Fighting Temeraire' and Lowry's

'Going to the Match'. Plus there's the sculptural installation, Cold Dark Matter, by Cornelia Parker.

A reproduction of John Singer Sargent's famous painting, 'Gassed', is on display in Vauxhall and a giant digital version of Sir Peter Blake's work 'The Meeting or Have a Nice Day, Mr Hockney' can be seen on the Southern terrace at the Westfield London shopping centre in Shepherd's Bush.

The displays were chosen by members of the public from a long list of great works and then reproduced as posters. The costs have been covered by public donations and the UK poster industry, which gave £3million worth of advertising space to the project.

Around 1,000 cabs are participating in the exhibition as well as 19 major Tube stations including Charing Cross, Waterloo, King's Cross St. Pancras and Piccadilly Circus.

So as you walk down the street, jump in a taxi or stand on the escalator, look out for Art Everywhere between now and August 25.

■ You can share your snaps of any of the works you see while out and about in London on Twitter and Instagram using the hashtag 'ArtEverywhere'.

Transport at a glance

Eid at Trafalgar Square

A free festival is being held in Trafalgar Square on Saturday to celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr and mark the end of Ramadan.

Starting at 1.30pm, the Muslim festival welcomes people from all communities and faiths and is a fun afternoon for the whole family with stage entertainment, exhibitions and various children's activities.

There will also be a food

festival, offering people the chance to sample delicacies from across the Islamic world including Turkey, Lebanon, India and Morocco.

Nasheed artists Adam Ali, Suhail Ahmed, Saif Adam and Fursaan will be among the guests on stage.

■ If you are heading to the event using the Tube, the nearest stations are Charing Cross (Bakerloo and Northern lines), Embankment (District and Circle lines), Leicester Square (Bakerloo and Northern lines) and Piccadilly Circus (Bakerloo and Piccadilly lines). The festival finishes at 6pm. For further information, visit www.london.gov.uk/eid



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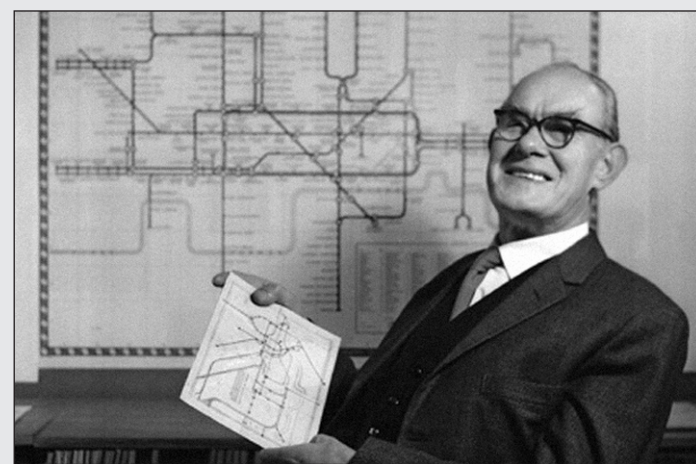
A rare collection of plans and drawings by Tube map creator Harry Beck has been donated to the London Transport Museum in Covent Garden by renowned graphic designer Ken Garland.

Beck came up with his innovative diagrammatic design for the London Underground map in 1931. It was initially rejected by the Underground's publicity office, which feared customers would not

understand it.

However, a trial print run in 1933 proved so popular with passengers that it quickly replaced the original map. Beck's idea has since been copied around the world, becoming the standard mapping system for most urban transport networks.

■ Find out more about Beck's iconic designs at www.ltmuseum.co.uk



The man behind the map: Harry Beck.

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