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## What Shows to Look Forward to in the UK this Spring

From Shanghai-based artist Yu Ji's national debut to the largest exhibition to date of British surrealist Eileen Agar, these are the must-see shows

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As of 12 April 2021, lockdown restrictions in the UK will be lifted, and a number of exciting exhibitions will open up this season with much anticipation. From a new body of work by Lawrence Abu Hamdan at Maureen Paley, London, to the first fully animated character by Rachel Maclean at Jupiter Artland, Edinburgh, here are some of the best shows to look forward to this spring in Great Britain.



Werner Büttner, *No Scene from My Studio*, 2020, oil on canvas. Courtesy: the artist and Simon Lee Gallery, London

### **Werner Büttner**

**Simon Lee, London, UK**

**13 May – 10 June**

In [this interview](#) from 2013, Jan Verwoert asks Werner Büttner: 'How have the passing times outside your door related to the rhythm of things in your work?' 'The artist is a sieve, sifting his environment', observes Büttner, recalling something he once wrote. 'Information nuggets of precisely the required size get stuck in the sieve. Now he can work. It has never been my ambition to stumble through life free of contradictions. Such drudgery can be left to scientists and lawyers. People like us can indulge equally in truth and its base opposite. With the help of methodical intuition, I make pictures of the way I experience life. Many people only make pictures of the way they experience art. An error. Who could possibly be interested in that?' Büttner's first exhibition at Simon Lee comes ahead of a major retrospective at the Hamburger Kunsthalle, Germany opening later this year.