

Lowry exhibition to open at Tate Britain in June



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Discover Lowry's London when visiting the summer's blockbuster exhibition.

May 30, 2013, 8:58 am -- [/EPR NETWORK/](#) -- One of Britain's greatest painters of urban landscapes will be the focus of a major exhibition this year at one of the world's greatest urban galleries. LS Lowry's extraordinary paintings of life in British cities from the mid-20 th century will be displayed at Tate Britain from June 29th. This is the first time Lowry has been exhibited on this scale on London and the exhibition is previewed at LondonTown.com. The Tate Britain gallery in Pimlico is located close to Victoria station, and visitors to LondonTown.com can book accommodation at a wide range of London hotels near Victoria to suit all budgets.

Lowry's paintings demonstrate a debt to the realist paintings of the French 19th -century, as he was determined to depict with unsentimental accuracy the reality of working-class life. For Lowry, this meant painting football matches, mills, protest marches, schools and pits as he captured the smoky, bustling reality of post-industrial life in Britain. His richly evocative paintings can be a little grim, but they also ooze humanity, capturing an aspect of British life that few of his contemporaries ever considered.

Lowry was from Salford and mainly painted scenes from the industrial towns of the British north-west but he also painted a couple of pictures of Piccadilly Circus in 1960, capturing the red buses and neon adverts for Coca-Cola that even now define this bright, inspiring part of the capital. Piccadilly Circus remains the unofficial centre of London but one that can prove a little daunting for the tourist. There are charms

to be found, however, such as the cheap and cheerful Prince Charles cinema on Leicester Square, the brilliant St John meat-heavy restaurant on nearby Leicester Street and the superb Italian Bocca di Lupo on neighbouring Archer Street. You can even catch the work of one remarkable 20th -century artist for free in the area – French surrealist Jean Cocteau's murals adorn the interior of Leicester Square's monumental French Catholic church, Notre Dame de France.

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