

OUR SPEAKER on **Wednesday 27th May 2026 at 1:30pm**

will be

Matthew Morgan

who will talk to us about:

Fire and Water – The Rivalry of Turner and Constable



I am an independent art historian, educator, and museum professional with a passion for sharing the joy of art. Over the years, I have spoken on subjects ranging from Caravaggio to Kehinde Wiley, though my first love remains the work of J.M.W. Turner and my primary focus is European painting of the 18th and 19th centuries.

My career has been dedicated to helping people connect with art in meaningful and enjoyable ways, whether through lectures, exhibitions, or creative learning programs.

I have lectured widely across Britain and Europe, in settings as diverse as universities, festivals and cathedrals as well as

Galleries such as the National Gallery, the Royal Collection, the Wallace Collection, the Courtauld Institute and the Victoria and Albert Museum. My degree is from Cambridge, I studied at the Courtauld for my MA and my PhD is from Birkbeck, University of London.

As Museum Director, I had the privilege of running Turner's House in Twickenham, dedicated to the great landscape painter. Bringing Turner's art to new audiences was one of the most rewarding experiences of my career.

Two artists developed radically opposing approaches to the emotive power of landscape painting in Britain in the early 19th Century. One was dramatic, bombastic and fiery, intending to provoke powerful emotions and elevated thoughts. The other was spiritual, heartfelt and closely observed, asking the viewer to react to an intense, inward and personal approach to nature. These two artists were JMW Turner and John Constable, the leading British artists of their day. Not only did they approach painting in different ways but their lives were opposites as well. This lecture will explore their different approaches and their famous, bitter rivalry.

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