



Art Identity Migration

## THIS WEEK AT BEN URI

A feast of art, culture and fascinating life stories ...  
**FREE and at any time to suit you!**  
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Here is the opportunity:

To be able to acquire paintings by artists of repute, direct from their estates, at way less than commercial gallery prices because Ben Uri has been gifted the estates to sell to support our extensive and greatly respected Research Unit recording the Refugee and Immigrant contribution to British visual culture since 1900.

Wonderful works by Guta Vardy (1904-1992) as below, Douglas Portway (1922-1993), Katerina Wilczynski (1894-1978) and other donated works by Emil Nolde, Max Liebermann and Jacob Steinhardt are all available.

This Wednesday to Friday at the Gallery with a special reception on Wednesday evening until 8pm and 24/7 online at [Ben Uri Shop](http://Ben Uri Shop).



### THERE

A busy week planning a new Ben Uri Collection loan show at the stunning Thirsk Hall and Sculpture Park this summer.

Excited, honoured and privileged to be selected and asked to present a sculpture show in this wonderful location/ gallery in North Yorkshire. More details to follow!

### EVERYWHERE

On 27 January 2025, the civilised world will commemorate the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the German Nazi concentration and extermination camp Auschwitz-Birkenau, where 1.1m human beings, mostly Jews, were slaughtered.

We dedicate 'This Week at Ben Uri' to their memory and all who perished as our recognition of Holocaust Memorial Day.

*Please share This Week with your friends and family*

## Have a great Ben Uri week!

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We need your support: If you believe in our mission and the depth of research and resources we offer then please buy us a coffee, or many coffees, or even lunch or dinner!



## MONDAY 27 JANUARY

### Holocaust Memorial Day

#### EXHIBITION OF THE WEEK

##### ART AND THE HOLOCAUST

This seminal work by George Grosz was seen at Maastricht in March 2010 and purchased soon after with the invaluable support of the Art Fund and many supporters.



George Grosz, *Interrogation*, 1938  
© George Grosz estate

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## TUESDAY 28 JANUARY



#### ARTIST OF THE WEEK

##### MARC CHAGALL

In late 2009 Ben Uri saw this work in a Tajan auction catalogue in Paris. After extensive analysis and research we recognised the work as most likely Chagall's response to seeing the news-films of the liberation of concentration / death camps in early 1945 whilst in exile in New York.

We raised a huge amount of funds to acquire it within a top secret plan to ensure our conviction of its historical importance was not leaked. Supported by the Art Fund and the Lottery Fund we triumphed and brought this now world famous and renowned painting to a British public collection.

The painting has in the past 15 years been exhibited across Europe and the United States and is constantly in demand for museum shows globally.

Learn more about Marc Chagall and 400 other artists at the Ben Uri Collection

## WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY

#### ARTWORK OF THE WEEK

##### NUREMBERG TRIALS 1946 STUDY NO. 1 BY LAURA KNIGHT (1877-1970)

Ben Uri was honoured to be selected and granted the loan of Dame Laura Knight's two largest and most important studies for her seminal oil painting of the same title on permanent show at the Imperial War Museum.

We presented an extensive exhibition on the subject, titled 'A Brush with Evil' in July 2023 and were privileged that Sir John Tusa who, with his late wife, wrote the most comprehensive volume on the trials, honoured us by opening the exhibition.



View this work and 900 others in the Ben Uri Collection

## THURSDAY 30 JANUARY



#### PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

##### ERNST EISENMAYER

A Survivor.

Ernst Eisenmayer was born into a poor Jewish family of Austro-Hungarian descent in Vienna, Austria in 1920 and took evening classes in drawing. Following the Anschluss (annexation of Austria) in 1938, he was imprisoned in Dachau concentration camp; after his release and flight to England, he was interned as an 'enemy alien' on the Isle of Man in 1940. He later established a successful career as painter, sculptor and printmaker, participating in group exhibitions worldwide, including in Osaka, London, and his native Vienna.

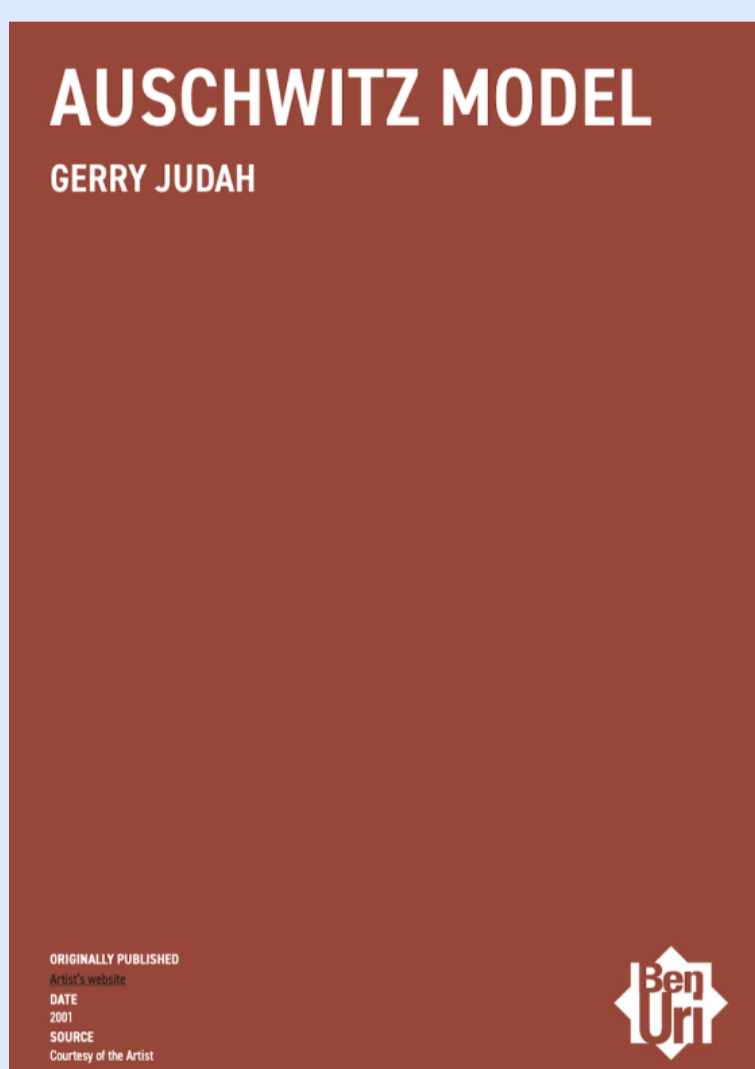
Learn more about Ernst Eisenmayer and over 3000 others from diverse backgrounds and countries, who have migrated to Britain at the Ben Uri Research Unit.

## FRIDAY 31 JANUARY

#### ESSAY OF THE WEEK

##### AUSCHWITZ MODEL BY GERRY JUDAH

Read Indian-born, distinguished sculptor and artist, Gerry Judah's compelling essay.



Read this and 400 other essays on refugee and immigrant artists to Britain here

## SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY



#### PODCAST OF THE WEEK

##### ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW ALICIA MELAMED ADAMS

A Survivor.

Painter Alicia Melamed Adams (née Goldschlag) was born into a Jewish family in Boryslav, in eastern Poland (now Ukraine) in 1927. As a teenager, she studied drawing with the Polish-Jewish writer, artist and art teacher Bruno Schulz (later shot by a Nazi officer in 1942). After the German invasion of Poland in September 1939, she was the only member of her family to survive after the Jewish population of Drohobycz was forced into a ghetto.

Listen to this podcast and over 100 more from Ben Uri Radio

## SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY

#### VIDEO OF THE WEEK

##### IN CONVERSATION: REFUGEE ARTISTS AND THE BEN URI COLLECTION

Watch and listen to refugee artists who survived.



Watch this video and 100 more videos on BU TV

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Research Unit

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- 100+ Podcasts & Interviews
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- 100+ Arts and Mental Health interventions
- 100+ Films and artist insights
- 400+ Collection artist biographies
- 400+ Research papers, essays, catalogues and PhD theses
- 600+ Archive exhibitions records
- 900+ Collection artworks on [benuricollection.org.uk](http://benuricollection.org.uk)
- 3300+ Research Unit profiles on [buru.org.uk](http://buru.org.uk) / [diaspora-artists.net](http://diaspora-artists.net)
- 10,000 Pages of archives from 1915

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