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CULTURE

# The culture list: what to experience and enjoy in March

Your cultural checklist for the month ahead

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Has spring sprung yet? Whatever the weather might be doing - or not doing - March is nevertheless full of the joys of the season, with a coterie of cultural treats to delight and enthrall.

There's plenty to see: from a dynamic and imaginative new take on *Frankenstein* from Maggie Gyllenhaal; *The Bride*, starring Christian Bale and actress-of-the-moment Jessie Buckley to wonderful art exhibitions of old Dutch masters and modern American classics. There's also a feast of new restaurants to explore in the capital, from the Estelle group's brand new opening, Celeste, to Soho's latest Italian hotspot.

On stage, Sondheim's cult classic *Into the Woods* takes over the Bridge Theatre, the Royal Ballet presents the intoxicating *Mayerling* and the National Theatre mounts a scandalous new take on *Dangerous Liaisons*.

Consult our list below for our curation of your cultural must-dos for the month ahead...

## See a bold new take on Frankenstein



NIKO TAVENISE

Maggie Gyllenhaal is back in the director's chair - the first time since her acclaimed adaptation of Elena Ferrante's *The Lost Daughter*. Continuing the trend of Gothic-literature-inspired films (*Nosferatu*, *Frankenstein*, *Wuthering Heights*), Gyllenhaal is offering a fresh take on Mary Shelley's tour de force, set in 1930s Chicago. A scientist makes the surely scot-free decision to bring a murdered woman (Jessie Buckley) back to life to be a companion for Frankenstein's monster (Christian Bale). Placing women front and centre, it's sure to be an electrifying reimagining of the feminist text. **Daniela Parete Clarke**

*Out 6 March.*

## Pick the perfect spot for Paris fashion week

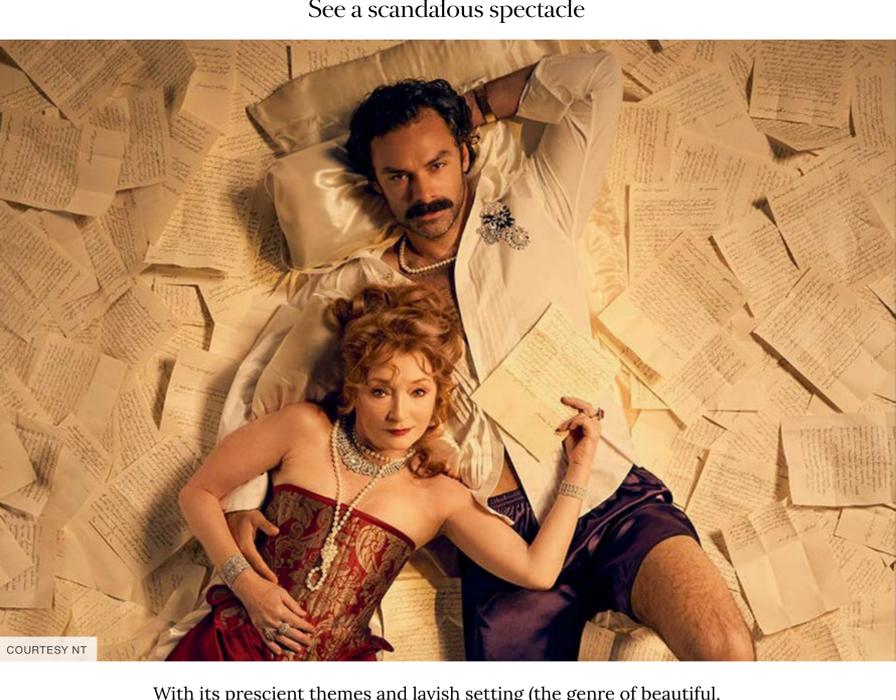


ROSEWOOD

Founded in 2023, Nonos et Comestibles has become one of the most coveted dining spots in Paris. Nestled within the iconic Hôtel de Crillon in Place de la Concorde, this is a dream address with an equally dreamy menu. Created by Michelin-starred Chef Paul Pairet, Nonos reimagines the classic French grill with imaginative flair. Standout dishes include scallop sashimi with ponzu and skate wings with hazelnuts. Wash it all down with a Paris-Chambéry cocktail or treat yourself to a tippel from their extensive chartreuse collection... **Marie-Claire Chappet**

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## See a scandalous spectacle



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With its prescient themes and lavish setting (the genre of beautiful, absurdly privileged people behaving abominably is, after all, evergreen), *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* always makes for a compelling and riveting production - is this spring's hottest ticket. Led by the acclaimed director Marianne Elliott, it stars Lesley Manville as the deliciously devious Marquise de Merteuil, with *Rivals'* Aidan Turner as her erstwhile lover the Vicomte de Valmont, whose scheming and toxic one-upmanship leads to devastating consequences for themselves and the innocents they seek to corrupt. **Dina Nagapetyants**

*At the National Theatre from 21 March to 6 June*

## Enjoy an epicurean day in the countryside



RH ENGLAND

With green shoots and signs of sunshine finally here, it's the perfect opportunity to venture into the Cotswolds for a weekend excursion. Aynho Park, the historic Sir John Soane-designed country house that is now home to the interiors brand RH England, makes an inviting destination: take design inspiration from the elegant furnishings that fill the interior of the grand 60-room property, wander through the 73 acres of Capability Brown-designed gardens and dine in the light, airy surroundings of the Conservatory restaurant, whose menu of American and Mediterranean classics includes decadent dishes such as caviar carpaccio, lobster salad and petite baked potatoes.

**Frances Hedges**

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## Explore the work of Eileen Cooper



COURTESY EILEEN COOPER

The renowned figurative artist Eileen Cooper, known for her wide-ranging and sometimes fantastical explorations of womanhood is having a stellar year: in May she will present drawings created in response to poems by the writer Denise Riley at Oliver Projects, and will be showing new works in September. But if you can't wait that long, this month a more unique collaboration comes to fruition; Cooper will be the artist in residence at 75, the restaurant at Liberty London, and has produced watercolours for the space, which will sit on the walls alongside paintings and drawings in the convivial surroundings, and will be available to buy. **Helena Lee.**

*Seventy Five in Residence: Eileen Cooper, Floor 2, Liberty London*