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# London Art Week 2018: putting the cool back into pre-contemporary

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f auction house to bring current attentions back into the category. The fashion designer and former Spice Girl selected 16 works from names including Rubens and Cranach to display at her boutique Mayfair store.

'Old Master dealers need to find the language to communicate their message to the public; added Riley-Smith. 'It may be a bit of a challenge, but once the public understands the relevance of Old Masters they will engage with the art:



f Pompeo Batoni, Portrait of a Gentleman

*Spear's* spotlights some of the events below:

f Mary Shelley – A discovery celebrates the 200th anniversary of Frankenstein's publication with a 'unique discovery'. Dealer Callisto Fine Arts has teamed with Peter Harrison Rare Books to present a unique marble portrait bust of the author, as Shelley specialist Sammy Jay discusses 'one of the most exciting discoveries in the rare book world'. Highlights of Shelley's work currently available on the market will be displayed, as well as an 'extraordinary' collection of autograph letters.

Thursday 6 December, 6.30-8 pm.

The Fashionable Gentleman will see eminent Saville row tailor Henry Poole talk portraits and fashion at Dover Street's Robilant + Voena. Poole, who has dressed the likes of David Gandy, will combine the discussion with a tour of his atelier,

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where an array of antique garments and sartorial  
artistry will also be presented.

Monday, 3rd December, 6.30 pm.