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# **Exhibitions**Rachel

Kacnel Campbell-Johnston



The Whitworth Art Gallery

The Whitworth reopens with a major solo show

by Cornelia Parker, including her hauntingly delicate mobile created from the fragments of an exploded garden shed. Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester (0161 2757450), from today

# **Around London**

Ali Banisadr: At Once He's the hottest new talent in America and now the Iranian-born artist, who pushes abstract expressionism into a new

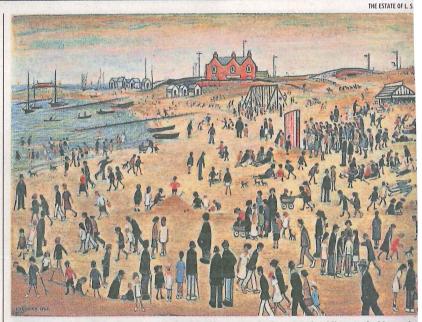
postmodern world, stages

his first solo show in this country. Blain Southern, W1 (020 7493 4492), to Mar 21

## History is Now: 7 Artists Take on Britain

The recent past of this country is looked at via works selected by seven artists. Expect everything from pictures of Glyndebourne operagoers to government memos on CJD to LS Lowry's take on British beaches. Hayward Gallery, SE1 (020 7960 4200), to Apr 26

Magnificent Obsessions: The Artist as Collector Items from the personal



Works by LS Lowry, above, and Hayley Newman, below, at the History Is Now sho

collections of postwar and contemporary artists, including Edmund de Waal and Damien Hirst. Barbican, EC2 (O2O 7638 8891), to May 25

## **Peder Balke**

An unsung forerunner of modernism, the Norwegian produced expansive seascapes as beautiful as they were



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