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CAPABILITY BROWN & THE YORKSHIRE LANDSCAPE 1716-1783



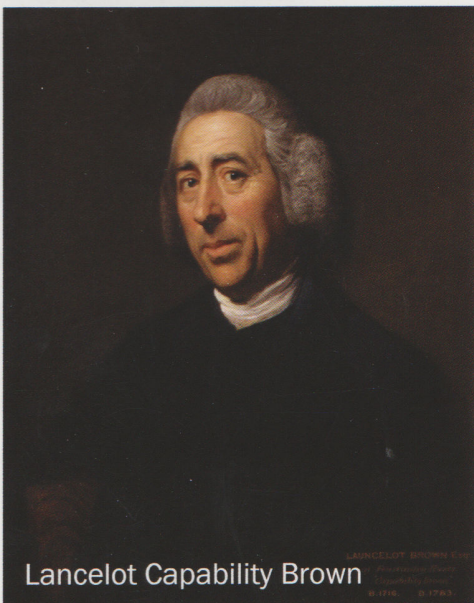
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This June the Mercer Art Gallery (in partnership with Yorkshire Gardens Trust) will proudly open its doors to the first exhibition dedicated to the work of the landscape designer Lancelot 'Capability Brown' to celebrate the anniversary of his tercentenary.

Most certainly one of the most famous and influential of all English landscape designers Capability Brown's achievement spanned several decades during the eighteenth century. The exhibition will feature portraits of Capability Brown and his Yorkshire clients as well as original plans, drawings and documents by Brown. There are also paintings of his creations plus works of art that inspired some of his landscapes.

As a creator of some of Yorkshire's finest landscape gardens Capability was a proponent with his contemporaries which influenced gardens across the world. He was responsible for the superb landscapes which can be seen

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Lancelot Capability Brown



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The Mercer Art Gallery have commissioned a series of new work by internationally known artist Kate Whiteford entitled 'False Perspectives'. This imaginary work has been used to transform the gallery space with her large scale drawings of trees. The Exhibition will run from 18th June to 18th September 2016.

In addition there is a specially commissioned film exploring Brown's Yorkshire landscapes as they look today, created by photographer Simon Warner and commissioned by the Yorkshire Gardens Trust and the Mercer Art Gallery.

We feel sure visitors to the gallery will appreciate the exhibition and will be pleased to note a new book is available written by Capability Brown expert Karen Lynch, which incorporates new research and considers each of Brown's Yorkshire landscapes.

Roberta Jefferson

Noble Prospects: Capability Brown & the Yorkshire Landscape opens at The Mercer Art Gallery on 25 June to 11 September 2016, admission is free. Opening times are 10am – 5pm, Tuesday to Saturday and 2 – 5pm on Sundays. Closed Mondays except Bank Holidays. For more info visit www.harrogate.gov.uk/mercerartgallery