

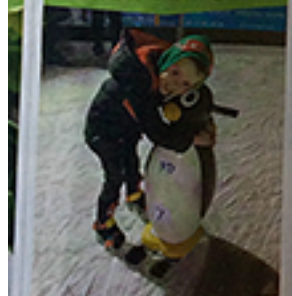
FRI JAN 23



## Churchill's Scientists

out science on our side, and a great number of direction of Winston Churchill. Marking the 150th anniversary of his birth, this exhibition celebrates the inventions that came to life: film footage, letters and photographs tell the story of the invention of the radar. A few of Churchill's inventions, too: keep an eye out for the cigar he was re-elected as prime minister in 1951. You can also hear Britain, from molecular genetics to robotics. £5/7/10. [www.sciencemuseum.org.uk](http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk). Fri Jan 23 ▶ Mar 1. Free.

SUN JAN 25



## Richmond Rink

Horace Walpole's white, turreted Gothic house in Strawberry Hill provides the backdrop for this outdoor ice rink, which melts away after today. The Grade I-listed building is lit from the inside so that its stained glass windows glow above the ice, and tours are available to skaters. Refreshments are on hand and the Star Wars White Knights (skaters dressed as Stormtroopers) will be making the odd appearance, too. Advance booking available but not required. Strawberry Hill House, 268 Waldegrave Rd, TW1 4ST, [www.richmondrink.com](http://www.richmondrink.com). Strawberry Hill rail. ▶ Sun Jan 25. From £8.

## Mapping the City

Somerset House, Strand, WC2R 3LA. [www.somerset-house.org.uk](http://www.somerset-house.org.uk). Charing Cross or Covent Garden. The Jan 22 ▶ Feb 15. Mon, Thu-Sun 10am-6pm. Free.



You don't always need to walk the streets of a city to get a feel for it, sometimes a map can be just as evocative. This exhibition of cartographic representations shows how more than 50 graffiti and street artists view the towns they use as their canvas. Don't expect updated versions of Google Maps: this collection of newly commissioned and existing works contains some highly abstract interpretations of the traditional town map, from videos to graffiti trails.

With a pot of paint strapped to the back of his bike, graffiti artist Momo cycled 12.8km across Manhattan in 2006, trailing an orange and pink stream of paint that spelled out his tag in one unbroken line. He has reproduced the now faded map in finer detail for this show.

Other big urban centres that get the street art treatment include Los Angeles, Buenos Aires and Berlin – the German capital's Kreuzberg district singled out by Shepard Fairey (see right). Due to the nature of their professions, the artists see and use urban landscapes in unusual ways, and have presented their subjective surveys through digital technology, illustration, sculpture, painting and even performance. You won't be able to miss the piece by the most well-known female street artist, Shepard, whose coffee-stained block print of her version of Bangkok stands nine feet tall (see left).



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A truly contemporary way to peek through the keyholes of other people's cities. Ashleigh Amott

**THE BOTTOM LINE** Street artists get to make their mark on the urban landscape.

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