Royal Scottish Academy – how to search our catalogue

You can search by any keywords, name (an artist or person), title or subject, or object number

A note on artist searches

A search for William Gillies will find anything with both words William and/or Gillies across the whole database

A search for "Gillies, William" will find only works by William Gillies

You can also find an artist by searching for their surname only, e.g. "Gillies"

You can search for artists by first name surname or surname, first name. You must use " " to narrow your search to a single artist

Advanced Search

To make your search more specific you can include and exclude keywords by using + to combine, - to exclude, or " " for a phrase.

A search for Edinburgh Castle will find all records with both or either words

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🔍 edinburgh castle

A search for +Edinburgh +Castle will find only records that contain both words but not necessarily next to each other

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🔍 "Edinburgh Castle"

A search for +Edinburgh +Castle -drawing will find all records with both Edinburgh and Castle but exclude those with the word drawing

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Order your Search

You can order your search using the following options in the drop down menu. Remember to press the 'Update Results' button at the bottom of the Filters box to update your search:

Relevance: all results are automatically displayed by relevance, the order is based on how frequently the search term appears in the record

Sorting

| Relevance | ▼ |

Title/Artist Name: puts results in alphabetical order by title/artist name

Sorting

| Title / Artist name | ▼ |

Filter your Search

You can also filter your search using the menu on the right hand side of the page

Select the option and click the update results button to activate.

Images: select only records with an image

Category: filter records by creator, exhibition or work

Collection: filter records by RSA sub-collections

Media: filter records by media

Date: use the slider to filter records within a particular date range

Date range

☑ Filter by date

Start
1702 ⬍

End
1952