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# The best art, music and cultural events this week — the critics' guide



The work of Ian Hamilton Finlay is the focus of eight new international exhibitions

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## Visual art

### Ian Hamilton Finlay: Fragments

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Anyone who has visited Little Sparta, the Scottish artist, poet and landscape designer Ian Hamilton Finlay's magical garden near Edinburgh, will know of his peculiar, elegant brand of wit and erudition combined with a love of the natural world. This year is the centenary of his birth and eight international exhibitions, under the umbrella title *Fragments*, are being staged to celebrate. In the UK, Victoria Miro in London will focus on works with maritime and revolutionary themes, while the Ingleby Gallery in Edinburgh displays a group of architecturally inspired sculptural installations in stone from the 1980s and 1990s.