

Legendary US artist's debut UK show

Norman Rockwell's America

Dulwich Picture Gallery,
Today until March 27

AS ONE of America's best-loved artists, Norman Rockwell's paintings and illustrations are unmistakable.

What is extraordinary is that this is the first exhibition of the famous artist's original works to be shown in the UK.

Rockwell gained widespread popular appeal through the covers he produced for the

Saturday Evening Post magazine. Between 1916 and 1963, a period of immense change to American society, he illustrated 323 covers.

All of these are on display, alongside many of his illustrations for advertisements, magazines and books.

Rockwell's art is so significant it gave rise to the term Rockwellesque. While this term has been used disparagingly as shorthand for an overly

sentimental world view, it should be noted that his output was not all patriotic war bond posters and sun-bathed nostalgia. Rockwell also recorded political events, presidents, and on occasion painted searing images in support of the civil rights movement.

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