

# TV special should explain ivory in art

MADAM – With the plethora of antiques-related shows on television, may I suggest that perhaps you could use your influence to have a specialist present a show on the subject of ivory in art.

It could be, perhaps, a one-off *Antiques Roadshow*, but only for objects made entirely from, or simply containing some ivory element, however small.

Or an informative romp with an art historian, such as Andrew Graham-Dixon's recent BBC series on royal collectors.

A museum collection could be examined in an attempt to answer the question as to what one might define as 'museum quality'.

The case could be made for the uninterrupted trade in antique ivory while making it clear that the antique trade has no love for the

modern trade in smuggled ivory from poached and slaughtered elephants.

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