

# The Burrell Collection



## 1. The Warwick Vase

Relationships between men were common in Ancient Rome.

The Roman Emperor, Hadrian was in love with a young man called Antinous, and proudly showed their love for each other in public.

When Antinous died, Hadrian was devastated. Hadrian had a sculpture made of Antinous for his garden to remember him.

This large marble vase was discovered in the gardens of Hadrian's Villa in 1771, alongside a statue of Antinous.



## 2. Lan Caihe – The North Galleries

Lan Caihe is one of the Eight Immortals, a group of heroes from ancient China who each have their own superpower.

Lan Caihe's power was to take away worries, working with the other Immortals as a force for good.

Lan Caihe's gender varies, shown as either a male or female figure or without gender.

If you could have your own superpower like Lan Caihe, what would you choose and why?

# LEGACIES OF LOVE

## Burrell LGBTQ+ histories trail

Welcome to the Burrell LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer +) Family Trail, where you can explore and celebrate stories of LGBTQ+ people in the past from our objects.

The selected stories are located throughout the ground floor of the museum. You can find a map at reception or ask one of our Gallery Assistants to help you find your way.

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### 3. Saint Sebastian – The North Galleries

St Sebastian was sentenced to death by the Romans for being Christian. He was tied to a tree and arrows fired into his body – but he survived!

Many LGBTQ+ people identify with St Sebastian as it reminds them of the discrimination they have faced for being themselves.

For some people St Sebastian has become a gay icon and has inspired artists.

St Sebastian is admired by some for his resilience, who is your icon and what qualities do you admire in them?



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We acknowledge that there is a lack of women in our LGBTQ family trail. This does not mean that their stories are not present or important – we are just yet to find them. We are regularly researching our collections in hopes of uncovering more hidden histories soon. We hope you enjoyed it!

### 4. Hercules – Storytelling Gallery

Welcome to our storytelling gallery, a space to share stories you love, with the people you love, and be who you want to be!

Hercules, son of the ancient Greek God Zeus, was famous for his superhero strength and courage.

Hercules went on many adventures and was known to have both boyfriends and girlfriends.

