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The top five graduate shows

1 DegreeArt.com, a leading platform for hot young art talent, is opening its new permanent London gallery space, the Empire, this month. On show will be Kate Marshall's saucy sketches, which will surely land her a commission for Agent Provocateur. The founders have also launched GlimpseOnline.com, like a nascent MySpace for the art world. From June 21; 020 8980 0395, www.degreeart.com.

2 Looking up degree shows in your region is a canny move – you'll be the first to see the work before it moves to a big exhibition. This weekend, I'm nipping up to Nottingham Trent University to pick up the product designer Laura Evans's jaunty work, such as these salt and pepper pots. Until June 12; 0115 848 8436, www.ntu.ac.uk.

3 New Designers 2007, in London, showcases the work of more than 4,000 graduates. Rebecca Miller's emergency money box made me wonder what she will design when she is filthy rich. Part 1, July 5-8; Part 2, July 12-15; 020 7288 6738, www.newdesigners.com.

4 Inspirational talent in three disciplines is on show at Gray's School of Art, Aberdeen, June 16-23. Sneak a preview on the website, www.rgu.ac.uk/grays, from 5pm on June 15.

5 The New Generation Arts Festival, in Birmingham, comprises more than 40 events, including the UCE Birmingham degree shows, as well as jewellery, fashion and video art. June 14-29; www.newgenerationarts.co.uk.



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