Adventures in Art

Soundbites Lunchtime Concerts **Every Tuesday**

12:15pm - 1:15pm, Free A free lunchtime concert for all which takes place in our Hall - no booking required. Come alone or with friends, and you're welcome to bring your lunch.

Independent Life Drawing Wednesdays 6pm - 8pm, £12/£8

Independent life drawing is just that - we provide the studio, the model and the easel so you can book weekly to practice your life drawing in a supportive environment.

Creative Wednesdays Every Wednesday during term for University of Leicester students Common Room, Percy Gee Building 2pm - 4pm, Free

Escape from your studies with our free drop-in craft sessions. Designed to be relaxing, social and fun - do something different with your Wednesday afternoon!

Family Gallery Workshops **Every Saturday during Exhibitions** 1pm - 3pm, Free

Come and explore our exhibitions with our friendly Learning Team and use resources in the Salmon Gallery to respond creatively with your family.

Sunday Sessions

Every Sunday, Drop-In Sessions 12pm - 4pm, Free

Come and enjoy fun and engaging creative activities, open to everyone and suitable for all ages.

What are 'Pay What You Can' tickets?

Some of our shows and events are ticketed 'Pay What You Can' meaning that you decide how much you can or want to pay. This ensures that everyone is able to afford our events, expanding access to the arts.

What's on key

Families

Free

Pay What You Can

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Exhibitions

Traces 23 February - 19 May 2024 Gallery 1, Free Entry

A dynamic exhibition of wheelchair printing created by children and young people from Ash Field Academy, installed alongside the work of contemporary artists exploring beyond the perceived limitations of disability.

Unlocking The World 8 March - 26 May 2024 Gallery 2, Free Entry

An exhibition showcasing the work of our flagship SENsory Atelier programme, sharing journeys into learning through art by and with young people attending SEND schools.

ARTIST ROOMS Jenny Holzer In partnership with Tate & National Galleries of Scotland 15 June - 29 September 2024

Gallery 1 & 2, Free Entry Known for her powerful, provocative text-based installations and creative use of electronic technology, discover how the influential American artist continues to produce art that is impossible to ignore

Performances

Daryl Beeton: Traces Performance Sunday 7 April

11:30am & 2:30pm, Pay What You Can Daryl Beeton & Laura Dajao perform a dynamic dance duet in response to Traces.

WORD! Boogie Nights Poetry Special Thursday 11 April 7:30pm - 9:30pm, £7/£4

Join us for a WORD! disco with Leicester's regular poetry nights: Get Mouthy, Some-Antics, Pinggg...K! and Run Your Tongue.

Butterfly Boudoir: Burlesque & Belly Dance Showcase Saturday 13 April & Saturday 15 June 8pm - 10:30pm, £12

An evening of costumes, parody & burlesque tease.

Fun Guy Theatre Productions in association with Phizzical presents: Global Majority Friday 19 April

7pm - 9:30pm, Pay What You Can Brian Tran is invited to interview to run for the Presidency of the United States. How far would he go to realise this? Would he kill?

Cardboard Kingdoms Workshop & Performance by Chaotic Good Theatre Sunday 21 April, Pay What You Can 10:30am - 12:30pm & 1pm - 2pm A new original story based around Dylan

a mysterious box is delivered.

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who is taken on a magical adventure when

In Good Company Scratch Night Thursday 25 April 7pm - 9pm, Pay What You Can

In Good Company brings you the first scratch night of 2024! This is your chance to see some brand-new pieces of work-in-progress.

Nan, Me and Barbara Pravi by Hannah Maxwell Friday 3 May

7pm - 8:10pm, Pay What You Can Entirely fictional and completely true. An epic on care, crisis and the Eurovision Song Contest.

Club Origami by Seven.Circles Sunday 5 May, Pay What You Can 11am - 11:50am & 1:30pm - 2:20pm Non-Verbal Performance

An interactive dance show inviting family audiences to create, imagine and explore whole new ways of playing with origami.

Leicester Jazz House presents Mark Lockheart's 'Dreamers' Thursday 9 May 8pm - 10:30pm, £14/£5

This all-star group explores Mark's multi-faceted outlook on music through a new set of original compositions.

Beautiful Evil Things by Ad Infinitum Friday 10 May

7:30pm - 8:45pm, Pay What You Can What if there was another take on the Trojan war, an untold, breath-taking adventure? Enter Medusa. A critically acclaimed tour de force.

Taking Flight Workshops by Gramophones Sunday 12 May, Pay What You Can 11am - 11:45am, 1pm - 1:45pm & 2:30pm - 3:15pm

A multisensory workshop where babies can move to music, both on the floor and in the air.

Daudi Matsiko Friday 17 May

7pm - 10pm, Pay What You Can British-Ugandan singer-songwriter Daudi Matsiko carefully crafts modern & reverent folk.

The Sticky Dance by Second Hand Dance Friday 24 & Saturday 25 May 45 Minute Intervals between 10am & 2pm, Pay What You Can Non-Verbal Performance

Three dancers shimmy through the audience weaving a tapestry of sticky tape. Familes are encouraged to explore freely in this tactile dance performance. Part of the Spark Festival 2024

Leicester Jazz House presents Liam Noble & Geoff Simkins 'Lucky Teeth' Thursday 30 May

8pm - 10:30pm, £14/£5 Noble and Simkins swoop their way around melodies from classic standards to 80's pop.

WORD! with Adam Kammerling's: Seder Friday 31 May 7:30pm - 9:30pm, £7/£4

An uncompromising interdisciplinary performance exploring the ancient ritual of the Passover Seder.

The Sitar Music Society presents Baithak Series 2024: **Indian Classical Music** Saturday 1 June

6:30pm - 8:45pm, £10/£8 An unmissable opportunity for an evening of Indian classical by UK-based musicians.

14/48 Festival Friday 7 - Saturday 8 June 8pm - 10pm & 10:30pm - 12:30am Pay What You Can

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70 theatre makers come together to create 14 brand new plays in just 48 hours. It's raw, dirty, punk rock theatre, with a live band.

WORD!, Renaissance One & **BrightSparks** presents Windrush Day Festival Saturday 22 June 3pm - 7pm, £10/£6

A day to mark Windrush, featuring globallyrecognised Caribbeans and British Caribbeans from Leicester's Caribbean community.

The Sitar Music Society presents Homage to Gurus Sunday 21 July 2pm - 6:30pm, £10/£8

An annual celebration of Guru Purnima. a special day between students and their teachers.

Apittame Watches: Do The Right Thing Saturday 17 August

5pm - 9pm, Pay What You Can Join us to watch and discuss 'Do The Right Thing', a brilliant Spike Lee Joint that tackles racial tension and social injustice head-on.

Summer Performances at the Botanic Garden

We are bringing back our popular outdoor performances this season with a series of events at the University of Leicester's Botanic Garden in Oadby. To learn more, visit our website or ask at front desk.

Creative Courses

Pottery: Intermediate Hand Building Tuesdays, 9 April - 7 May or Tuesdays, 28 May - 28 June 1pm - 4pm, £85/£65

Explore hand-building alongside glazing and surface decoration to make unique pottery.

Mixed Media Space Exploration Wednesdays, 10 April - 22 May 1:30pm - 4:30pm, £125/£95

Learn how to create a sense of space in a picture using various media, inspired by different environments and points of view.

Problem & Criticism Thursdays, 11 April - 20 June or Thursdays, 18 April - 20 June 10:30am - 12pm, £60/£40

Join with other artists to develop your critical skills and become confident in your own style.

Drawing and Painting in a Botanical Style Mondays, 15 April - 1 July 10am - 1pm, £165/£120

Gain an insight into the beautiful process of botanical drawing and painting.

Jazz Performance Mondays, 15 April - 8 July 7:30pm - 9pm, £90/£70

Gain confidence in your ability to perform in a jazz group and learn tunes from the repertoire.

Watercolour Landscapes: Developments and Experiments Tuesdays, 16 April - 21 May 1pm - 3:30pm, £110/£85

Discover various techniques to create expressive landscape paintings using watercolours and other media.

Art History: Every Picture Tells a Story Wednesdays, 17 April - 10 July 10:30am - 12pm, £80/£60

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Explore the history of narrative art by understanding its subtle codes of gesture, sign and symbols to show meaning.

Art History: Great Exhibitions: How the Display Changed Art Wednesdays, 17 April - 22 May 1pm - 3pm, £40/£30

Learn about the effects of The Great Exhibition of 1851 and how it created the model for a century of World Fairs and Expositions.

Life Drawing: Self Expression Fridays, 19 April - 28 June 2pm - 4:30pm, £165/£120

Learn how to use line and tone in ways that will give your drawing movement and life.

Experiments in Sculpture Mondays 22 April - 8 July or Thursdays, 25 April - 4 July 6:30pm - 9pm, £165/£120 Develop sculptural ideas and experiment with

form before finalising a unique piece.

Portrait Painting in Oils Tuesdays, 23 April - 11 June 6pm - 8:30pm, £140/£105

Across eight weeks, learn how to confidently create a striking portrait in oils.

Life in Lino Wednesdays, 24 April - 29 May 10am - 1pm, £95/£75

Learn the basic techniques to carve your lino plate and enjoy the experimental side of inking to create vibrant prints.

Sculptural Ceramics Thursdays, 25 April - 4 July 10am - 12:30pm, £165/£120

Working exclusively with clay, create your own sculptural work using a variety of sculptural techniques.

Thursday Sketchbook Sessions Thursdays, 25 April - 4 July 2pm - 4pm, £120/£90

Fuel your passion for sketching & learn how to keep a sketchbook as part of your creative life.

Growing Your Poetic Voice Fridays, 10 May - 19 July 6pm - 8pm, £120/£90

Each week focus on a specific subject, including writing for special events, nature writing, writing for publication and more.

Hand Lettering and Modern Calligraphy Saturdays, 11 - 25 May 10:30am - 12:30pm, £50/£40 Learn how to write beautifully in modern calligraphy while harnessing your own style.

An Introduction to Patchwork and Quilting Wednesdays, 15 May - 12 June 10am - 12:30pm, £85/£65

This introduction course will teach you the essential techniques to start making modern patchwork quilts.

Nature Art Journaling Mondays, 3 June - 1 July

2pm - 4pm, £65/£50 Try journaling and explore a wide range of techniques to get your creative juices flowing.

Beginners Crochet Tuesdays, 4 - 25 June 6pm - 8pm, £60/£50

1pm - 3pm, £40/£30

Want to learn to crochet? Join this course to gain the confidence to use a pattern and start your own creations.

Art History: Exploring the Art Collection at Leicester Museum and Art Gallery Wednesdays, 5 June - 3 July

This course explores the local treasures held at the museum, including this summer, Renoir's Umbrellas on Ioan from the National Gallery.

Creative Collagraphs Wednesdays, 5 June - 3 July 10am - 1pm, £95/£75

Explore the incredible versatility of card, tapes, adhesives and texture in this exciting course.

Digital Art: A Beginner's Course for iPad and Procreate in a Gallery Setting Saturdays, 15 - 29 June 10:30am - 1pm, £60/£45

If you have an iPad and are wondering how to start your digital artistic journey, then this course is for you!

Drawing and Painting at the Botanic Garden Monday 15 - Wednesday 17 July 10am - 3:30pm, £150/£110

Using the University of Leicester's Botanic Garden as inspiration, create exploratory drawings leading to a final piece. At the Botanic Garden

1-Day Workshops

Pottery For All Workshops Saturday 13 April, Saturday 1 June or Friday 19 July 10:30am - 4pm, £75/£55 per session

A new one-day hand-building workshop for all levels of experience with potter Dee Barnes.

Fused Glass Discovery Thursday 18 April, Thursday 30 May or Saturday 15 June 10:30am - 4:30pm, £75/£55 per session A great opportunity to learn and explore the

techniques of glass fusing, ideal for beginners.

Weekly Life Drawing Classes Fridays between 19 April - 12 July 6:30pm - 8:30pm, £20/£15 per session Pay-as-you-go classes with experienced

tutor and artist Scott Bridgwood. Pursue your own style of working with guidance throughout.

Lino Printing for Fabrics Saturday 20 April 10:30pm - 4pm, £50/£40

Explore the basics of linocut and how it can be used to print onto functional fabric surfaces.

Modern Punch Needle: Colouring with Yarn Saturday 4 May

10:30am - 1:30pm, £30/£25 Create your own textured wall art in this fun beginners punch needle workshop.

Life Drawing Masterclass Saturday 4 May

10:30am - 4pm, £75/£55 Explore a wide range of styles and techniques to draw and paint the human figure.

Small Scale Metalworking: Create a Copper Foldformed Leaf Garland or Decorative Stem Saturday 18 May 10:30am - 4pm, £75/£55

You will learn some of the basics of metalworking as you progress to create decorative life-like leaves.

Macramé Plant Hanger Workshop Wednesday 22 May 6pm - 9pm, £25/£20

Love house plants? Would love to try your hand at macramé? Then this is the workshop for you!

Apittame Arts: Creative Writing Group Saturday 25 May

2pm - 3:30pm, Pay What You Can Come, spend an evening writing and exploring your imagination.

Macramé Jewellery Wednesday 29 May 6pm - 9pm, £25/£20

Learn how to make your very own chunky macramé jewellery that you can wear or gift with pride.

Botanical Plaster Casting Workshop Saturday 2 June 10:30am - 4pm, £50/£40

Use plaster casts to capture the incredibly fragile and delicate details found in nature.

Embroidery Exploration Wednesday 5 June 6pm - 9pm, £25/£20

An introduction into the craft to give you the For learning disabled dancers, dance

Sashiko Sewing Wednesday 12 June 6pm - 9pm, £25/£20

Make beautiful embroidered patches to repair or just add flare to fabric.

Wonderful Wire Working Saturday 15 June 10:30am - 3pm, £50/£40

Draw a line with wire to create a twodimensional picture or three-dimensional flower heads and leaf stems.

Summer Felt Flower Wreaths Wednesday 19 June 6pm - 9pm, £25/£20

Create a felt wreath from layered, rolled and snipped fabric flowers.

Punch Needle Embroidery Saturday 29 June 10:30am - 1:30pm, £30/£25

Explore each step of the process from threading the needle, punching your stitches and finishing a unique piece.

Monoprint Mayhem Workshop Friday 5 July 10am - 1pm, £30/£25

Using found, natural and recycled objects, create your own multi-layered monoprint.

Portraiture Workshop Saturday 6 July

10:30am - 4pm, £75/£55 Explore a wide variety of methods of seeing to draw the portrait from a live model.

Relief Collagraph Workshop Monday 15 July

10:30am - 4pm, £50/£40 Experiment with an unusual variety of materials to make textured printing plates, then ink them up and explore!

Events

Craft & Art Fair Saturday 27 April 11am - 4pm, Free

A highlight in our calendar, browse and buy from over 50 makers and artists from across the region.

SEND Arts and Education Symposium Wednesday 8 May 9am - 5pm, £125/£50

BSL Interpreted Showcasing the award-winning SENsory Atelier programme, join us to shape the future of inclusive arts education.

Culture Talks: An Audience with Dr Gabriele Finaldi Monday 10 June, 6:30pm £15/£12 including welcome drink Dr Gabriele Finaldi, Director of the

National Gallery, in conversation with Professor David Ekserdjian.

People Dancing & Corali Dance Co presents Leadership in Action Wednesday 26 June 10am - 4pm, £25/£10/Free BSL Interpreted

basics for your own embroidery exploration. leaders and their supporters, to explore dance, ongoing barriers and hold discussions with a view to a call to action.

Family Rave Festival: Rebel Saturday 10 August,

With vibrant activities, inspiring workshops and electrifying performances, we're turning up the volume on activism for all ages. Let's rave for a cause and make a











difference, one beat at a time!