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Opening Times: Mon - Sat: 9.30am - 5.00pm

Tue: 10.00am - 5.00pm, Sun: 1.00pm - 4.00pm

The Gallery will be closed 5, 26 & 27 May and 25 & 26 August for Bank Holidays, 12, 13, 14 May, 14, 15, 16 July, and 8, 9, 10 September for Exhibition Changes.

The Shire Hall Gallery is located in the Market Square in the centre of Stafford. Car parks, bus stops and railway station are within 5 minutes walk. Stafford is only 3 miles from the M6 (junction 13 or 14).

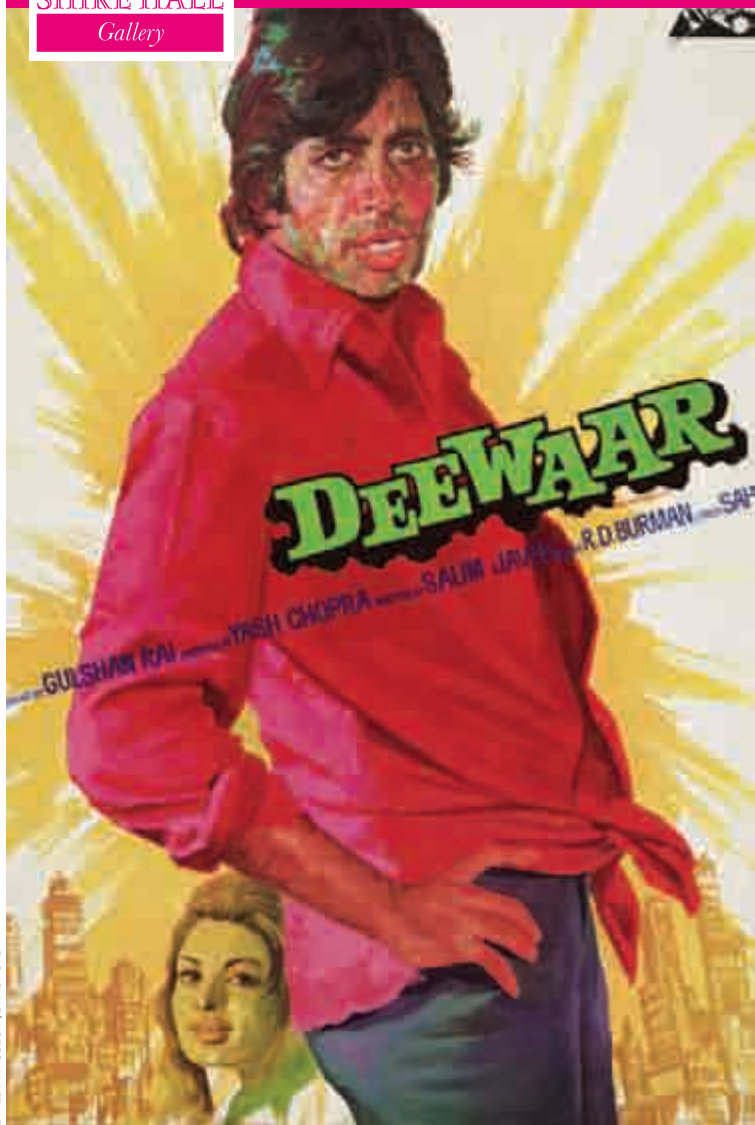


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FREE ENTRY



Staffordshire Open Art 2008

17 MAY - 13 JULY

The Staffordshire Open Art Exhibition is the Gallery's annual showcase for artistic talent in the County. Each year prizes are kindly sponsored by local businesses. This year's sponsors are Stafford Railway Building Society, Pritchard Holdings Plc, Schott UK Ltd, Barnett Ratcliffe Partnership, Stafford Tourism Bureau, and The Paper House, Stafford.

The winning artist will receive a cheque for £1000 and a stunning piece of contemporary glass made by glass artist Stuart Akroyd, kindly sponsored by Stafford Railway Building Society.



BOB DEW



ROXANNE GOODERHAM



LISA HENDERSON



LIZ ASTBURY

The work for the exhibition has been selected by Peter McLuskie, Project Manager Lighthouse, Wolverhampton and Gail Britt, MA, Painter. The exhibition features paintings, drawings, prints, photography, 3D, sculpture, film and animation. Most of the work is for sale and there is always something to suit all tastes and pockets.

During the show you can vote for your favourite piece of work for our Visitors Choice Prize. This will be announced towards the end of the exhibition with the winning artist receiving £250.



DAVID CULLSHAW



Inspired by Bollywood

19 JULY - 7 SEPTEMBER

This exhibition encompasses all things 'Inspired by Bollywood' - from film posters & costume to contemporary printmaking & sculpture.

Iconic images from the National Media Museum, Bradford will be on show alongside contemporary work by Bill Chambers, Andy Jupp & Val Hunt.

Also on show will be 'Bollywood Stills' - an exhibition drawing on the large action stills archives from Kamat Foto Flash in Mumbai, India. The images chart the history of stills production from its heyday in the 70s and 80s to their transformation into digital photography. This is a partnership project between Punch Records, Shisha, Kranti Media and Manchester University.

During the exhibition Stafford Gatehouse Theatre will be screening a selection of Bollywood films, for further details see www.staffordgatehousetheatre.co.uk

Bollywood Bazaar

19 JULY - 7 SEPTEMBER

To compliment the Bollywood theme this exhibition showcases work by contemporary designer/makers who are inspired by the various patterns & vibrant colours of South Asia.

A wonderful array of work will be on display from beautiful, ornate jewellery inspired by Mughal architectural patterns to prints exploring the luxurious embellishments of Indian textiles.

This collection of work celebrates the richness and diversity of a culture bursting with colour.



DHEEPTI KUMAR



Stafford
Gatehouse
Theatre



ANNE SCHWEGMANN-FELDING

Urban Places : Open Spaces

13 SEPTEMBER - 2 NOVEMBER

An exhibition by pupils from Staffordshire Schools aged between 11-14. On show will be a selection of work including painting, drawing, textiles, photography and sculpture, on the themes of urban and rural environments. The innovative use of materials, including recycling is being encouraged.

Full details and entry forms for schools are available on www.staffordshire.gov.uk/sams. Workshops for schools will be available at the Gallery during the exhibition. Contact jackie.bradbury@staffordshire.gov.uk for further details.



Kids Collection

13 SEPTEMBER - 2 NOVEMBER

Most children like to get their hands dirty with arts & crafts projects and older contemporary designer/makers are just the same!

This exhibition has been inspired by and produced especially for children. It is never too early to introduce children to the beauty and originality of handmade objects so come along with the children and have a look at what's on offer.



CHARLIE HIGH



SARAH GRATELEY



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Opportunity at the Shire Hall Gallery, Stafford for artists & designer/makers

The Gallery will be holding a Contemporary Art & Craft Fair on Friday 7 & Saturday 8 November 2008.

If you are an artist or designer/maker and would like further details and an application form, please contact Lyndsey Catchpole on 01785 278345 or email lyndsey.catchpole@staffordshire.gov.uk

Deadline for applications is Monday 30 June 2008.

The Wrong Trousers

SATURDAY 3rd MAY

10:00 – 4:00 (screenings 11.00, 1.00 & 3.00)

Celebrate Museums and Galleries Month with Wallace, Gromit and Feathers McGraw - or drop to discover the history of trousers with Quintains & Coronals!
FREE drop in suitable for all ages

A New Perspective

SATURDAY 24th MAY

10:00 – 4:00

From the microscopic to the macroscopic, use recycled papers and unusual paint techniques to create your own aerial view with Lisa Henderson.

£12 - Recommended for adults

Life Drawing

SATURDAY 31st MAY & 14th JUNE

10:00 – 4:00

Dave Gleeson is back with two more opportunities to participate in his popular life drawing classes. Develop your drawing skills with guidance from a professional!
£12 - Recommended for adults

Digital Photography

SATURDAY 7th JUNE

10:00 – 4:00

Another chance to find out how to make the most of digital photography with professional photographer Mark Wood.
£12 - Recommended for adults

Stop Motion Studio

SATURDAY 21st JUNE

10:00 – 4:00

Drop-in, cut-out and animate in this fun workshop with Mike Fatcher! Animate your own characters then play back your Oscar winning work.

FREE drop in suitable for all ages



AARDMAN ANIMATIONS



LISA HENDERSON



BILL CHAMBERS

Acrylics Masterclass

SATURDAY 28th JUNE

10:00 – 4:00

Experiment on paper, canvas and board with David Culshaw as you explore a range of acrylic techniques, gels, retarders, levelling mediums and collaging elements.
£12 - Recommended for adults

Film Screening – “Re;”

SATURDAY 5th JULY

12:00, 12:30, 1:00 & 1:30

Reduce, reuse, recycle, recalculate, repeat, remember... 'Re;' is a film by the Sajja Collective and Rising Brook Films (10 mins)
FREE drop in suitable for all ages



Baby Bounce and Art Cart

WEDNESDAYS 23rd JULY - 13th AUGUST

Bounce: 10.30 - 11.00, Art Cart: 11:00 - 11:30

Introduce babies and toddlers to nursery rhymes, action songs and simple percussion music. Followed by baby-friendly art and craft sessions.
FREE drop in recommended for the under 5s

Indian Summer - Market Square

SATURDAY 26th JULY

10:00 – 4:00

Join us in the Market Square for our colourful celebration of Bollywood! Make a flower garland, paint a mehndi design on your hand, and much, much more!
FREE drop in suitable for all ages

Intaglio Print & Chine-Collé Collage

SATURDAY 9th AUGUST

10:00 – 4:00

Taking Indian culture as inspiration, you'll inscribe a design, arrange and layer imagery then print onto your own collage of richly coloured handmade paper. With Bill Chambers.
£12 - Recommended for adults

Yoga Adventure & Mandala Making

SATURDAY 16th AUGUST

Yoga: 10:30 - 12:30, Mandala 1:30 - 3:30

Relax, stretch out, and calm your mind as you try yoga and then produce a mandala (a cosmic diagram inspired by your yoga and life story). With Sharlene Poole
£2/£4 - Recommended for ages 7-12

Rangoli

WEDNESDAY 20th AUGUST

10:00 – 4:00

Use your artistic and mathematical skills to help Ranbir Kaur create Rangoli - a traditional symmetrical design made from rice, sawdust and flower petals.

FREE drop in suitable for all ages

Shisha Mirror Embroidery

SATURDAY 23rd AUGUST

10:00 – 4:00

Work with bright silk threads and learn everything from simple freestyle stitching to complex folk embroidery. Highlight your work by attaching small round mirrors. With Hind Rattan award winner, Ranbir Kaur.

£12 - Recommended for adults

The Whole Truth

SATURDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

10:00 – 4:00

Join Court Artist Mick Ford and Kathryn Sykes from the British Institute of Verbatim Reporters to find out what really happens in Court! Draw Dad in the dock, try on a Judge's wig or let Kathryn show you how she records what is said!

FREE drop in suitable for all ages



EMILY CLAY



SHARLENE POOLE



LYNNE CHAPMAN

Nature in Pattern and Print

SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

10:00 – 4:00

Using acrylics, you'll work with Emily Clay to design and create printed patterns influenced by nature which will form the background of a mixed-media collage. Work in 3D with origami paper and turn it into a landscape!

£12 – Recommended for adults

World on the Wall

SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER

10:30 – 3.30

Join Anne Mychalkiw as she shows you how to create your own fabulous wall hanging from wire, buttons, beads, plastic and laminated strips.

£4 – Recommended for ages 8+

Big Draw

SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER

10:00 – 4:00

This year, we're joined by professional illustrator, Lynne Chapman. Help her to create a fabulous journey through towns, cities, jungles, fields, past, present and future...

FREE drop in suitable for all ages



Art Cart

EVERY SUNDAY

1:00 - 3:30

EVERY TUESDAY during school holidays

10:30 - 3:30

With a helping hand from Georgina Macbeth, you can have fun creating your own piece of artwork to take home. Based on the gallery's changing exhibition programme, there's always something new to try!

FREE drop in suitable for all



Craft Shop

The Shire Hall Gallery Craft Shop offers you the opportunity to buy the best contemporary crafts being produced today. We stock a wide range of high quality ceramics, textiles, jewellery, wood, glass and metalware - not to mention a large selection of greetings cards and giftwrap. We also offer a special commissioning service, so you can ask a maker to produce something unique just for you. The Craft Shop is listed on the national register of Craft Shops & Galleries recognising the range and quality of work we have on offer.



CHRISTIANE KERSTEN

GHAZAL GHAHRI-SAREMI

Multi Sensory Room

The Shire Hall Gallery's Multi Sensory Room is a space to relax and have fun! Equipped with a variety of lighting and sound effects, a bubble tube, music and interactive toys, the Multi Sensory Room helps to increase the awareness of babies, toddlers and individuals with special needs.

Multi Sensory Rooms have been shown to enhance sensory development (hearing, sight, taste, smell, and touch), increase hand/eye coordination, promote language development and encourage relaxation.

Whether you want to give your child a head start in life, support an individual with special needs or simply wind down after a stressful shopping trip, our Multi Sensory Room is open to you Monday to Saturday from 11.00am to 3.00pm.



Friends Discount Scheme

Enjoy a range of benefits by becoming a member of our Friends Discount Scheme. Anyone can join. It's quick and easy to do, simply pick up an application form today from the Gallery or visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/sams.

Join today and take advantage of the following benefits:

- 20% discount on booking for events and workshops
- 10% discount on items in the Art Market Craft area and Coffee Bar exhibitions
- 10% discount on crafts, cards and giftwrap in the Gallery shop
- Extra discount on special promotions throughout the year
- Invitations to private views where you can meet exhibitors and find out more about the work of the gallery and its exhibitions.

Balcony Coffee Bar

Relax and enjoy a view over the Shire Hall Gallery's Great Hall with a superb collection of teas, coffees, cakes and savouries.

Open: Monday - Saturday 10.00am - 4.30pm



Arts & Museum Development

Staffordshire Arts & Museum Service develops projects that allow individuals and communities who, for a variety of reasons cannot or do not think that arts and museums are something they can get involved in. We also encourage access to new and life enriching experiences. We fund workshops, talks and projects and work with many other partners and agencies. SAMS offers grants and advice to those who work in the arts or museums in Staffordshire. We have worked in prisons, developed mobile museums, supported artists and other museums and developed web sites. For further information on our work, go to www.staffordshire.gov.uk/sams



PHOTOGRAPH: JONATHAN BOSWORTH ARTIST: DENISE O'SULLIVAN



PHOTOGRAPH: JONATHAN BOSWORTH ARTISTS: ELAINE SHELDON & DOMINIC COONEY

Making Moves



Making Moves is a touring exhibition of contemporary craft produced through six artist's residencies in unusual locations. These include a working Victorian pottery, a miner's welfare club, an event held at a reservoir, and a hundred year old swimming baths. All the artists are makers who live in or around Staffordshire and the exhibition will tour throughout the county until December 2008.

See www.craftspace.co.uk or www.staffordshire.gov.uk/leisure/museumandgalleries for more details.

