

Milton Keynes Gallery

Teacher's Newsletter: Autumn 2010

Teacher Preview

Andrew Lord Exhibition

Project Space, 23 September, 5-6pm, free*



Andrew Lord: *Sixteen pieces. Angled*, 1986

You are invited to attend our dedicated Teacher Preview from 5-6pm in advance of the preview in the main galleries (6pm-10pm) for the new exhibition by Andrew Lord.

The Learning Team will offer a brief introduction to Lord's work, before discussing cross-curricular opportunities and ways to fully engage groups of all ages with the exhibition and get the most out of their Gallery visit.

Refreshments will be provided at both the Teacher and main exhibition previews.

*Please RSVP to e.fry@mk-g.org.

New Forward Planning Document Available

MK Gallery Exhibition Programme 10/11



Photo from Gerard Byrne's *Loch Ness Project*

The Learning Team has created a valuable resource to support your forward planning, helping you to decide when best to organise a group visit to the Gallery.

For use by teachers and educators in schools, colleges and universities, it provides an overview of MK Gallery's exhibitions falling within the academic year 2010/11. It also includes key artist themes and suggested further research to assist you and your group in preparing for your visit.

Email e.fry@mk-g.org to request a copy.

Tailor Your Tour



Freelance artist with school group.

Coming Soon: Online details of MK Gallery's Freelance Artist Team, enabling you to select your preferred artist prior to your visit.

Our growing team of freelance artists are available to devise and deliver tailored tours to suit the needs of your group, or bespoke practical sessions based on the exhibitions. These can be half-day or full-day and can take place at the Gallery or at your school, college or university. Whatever your requirements we'll do our best to match them to an appropriate artist to ensure you get the most out of your Gallery visit. Contact the Learning Team for further details including cost.

Also, short introductory talks and guided tours led by a member of the Learning Team can be arranged where necessary. Contact us for details.

Self-Guided Group Visits



Schools, colleges and universities are also welcome to visit MK Gallery independently. All groups must pre-book via the Gallery's Information Desk on 01908 676 900 giving two weeks notice, if possible. Visit www.mk-g.org for further details on how to plan and arrange your visit.

Please note: During the Andrew Lord exhibition, due to the delicate nature of the work on display, numbers for group visits will be restricted. Please contact the Learning Team to discuss the best methods to cater for the needs of your group.

Call for Proposals

Project Space Exhibitions

MK Gallery's Learning Team is now welcoming proposals from creative individuals and groups, who wish to present new or existing work within The Project Space. The aim is to commission and present contemporary visual art practices and exhibitions that will inspire, excite and challenge people of all ages. Created for and by members of the local community, we hope to create an interesting environment for Gallery visitors, help animate Margaret Powell Square and contribute to the cultural growth of Milton Keynes.

We are particularly interested in developing artist-led collaborative Learning projects with a range of local primary and secondary schools and colleges. If you have an idea for a future project inspired by the Gallery's forthcoming exhibition programme and / or your planned schemes of work back in school, please contact Emma Fry at e.fry@mk-g.org with details.

We will also consider proposals for exhibiting work produced by pupils in the classroom.

Outside the Classroom

October Half Term Events and Workshops

A range of 'Outside the Classroom' art activities for all ages take place at the Gallery during October Half Term. Recommend them to parents, children and young people to keep them busy!



The Campaign for Drawing
www.campaignfordrawing.org

The Big Draw: Family Drawing Sessions

23 October, 12 – 5.30pm

At the Gallery's Big Draw event we will be offering a series of hour-long pre-bookable artist-led sessions in which you and your child can explore the joys of drawing. Participants will be offered a 15 minute Family Friendly pre-session tour of the Andrew Lord exhibition. Call 01908 676 900 to book

Half Term

Free Artist Residency Drop-In Sessions

MK Gallery Project Space

25 - 29 October, 2 - 4pm each day

Open sessions for you to meet the artist in residence, hear about being a professional artist and explore your own interest in drawing with the option to participate in drawing activity if wished. Different days have been allocated to different age ranges across the week:

Mon 25 Oct: A-Level students

Tues 26 Oct: GCSE students

Weds 27 Oct: 11 - 15yr olds

Thurs 28 Oct: 6 - 10yr olds

Fri 29 Oct: Parent & Child session

Feedback



Feedback and /or suggestions on content of the Gallery's Learning Programme are always of particular value to us. Please forward any suggestions or comments, including points that we might not be currently addressing within the programme, to Emma Fry, Head of Learning at e.fry@mk-g.org

Help us Update our E-Mailing List

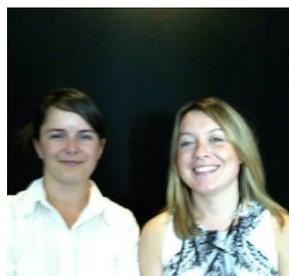


To enable us to keep you updated on our future exhibitions and events we'd be grateful if you could send us an up-to-date list of art co-ordinators and teachers at your setting. Please include full names, school, position and contact details and email them to Emma Fry – e.fry@mk-g.org, including *Mailing List Update* in the subject line.

New Website

We are developing a new website which will offer a wider range of resources for teachers and provide a more substantial archive for general interest or student research. You will be notified when it is due to launch. In the meantime please visit our current site at www.mk-g.org.

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