

Hello BAT Members,

Welcome to our July BAT Newsletter. We hope you are enjoying the summer so far. This is what you will find in this edition:

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BAT COMMITTEE

Firstly, welcome to Debbie Palmer who has recently joined our committee. Debbie is a keen artist who works in social media. She has already put her expertise to use to refresh the BAT Facebook page and set BAT up with new Instagram and Linkedin accounts. More news of that below ...

John Davey, Chairperson

Don't forget, we are always looking for new committee members to help with the running of the Bexley Arts Trust, which is a non-profit making group run entirely by volunteers. Its aim is to promote the arts in and around the local area, run social events, demonstrations, trips and to engage and inform the local art community. The BAT receives no external funding. So, if you have any particular skills that could help us to serve our local art community, or just want to help out please contact John Davey via email at:

Bexley Arts Trust@Outlook.com



Currently serving on the BAT Committee is John Davey (Chairperson), Marilyn Noad, Sylvia White, Jean Marriott, Trevor Root, Debbie Palmer and Sandie Camilleri.

BAT DAY TRIP TO MARGATE - FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023

This is very exciting as we are reintroducing group outings for the first time since Covid! All members are welcome and please feel free to bring your friends. The trip will include return coach travel to and from Margate, where you will have the opportunity to visit the Turner Gallery and the Pie Factory (both free entry), or Dreamland, as well as the numerous shops and bars - we recommend Fez — a fantastic retro micro bar on the Old High Street. We hope you will join us. Details of how to book your place on the trip and some of the exhibitions on show are below:

Coach pick-up and drop-off point: Hall Place, Bourne Road, Bexley, DA5 1PQ Times: Coach leaves at 9.30 am sharp.

*Cost is £26 members /£30 non-members (*Cost includes driver's tip, and return travel only to and from Margate)

Tickets are non-refundable unless we do not have enough take up to make the trip viable, in which case we will make full refunds.

By the 11th August, to reserve a place please send a cheque to 5 Pinewood Road, Abbey Wood SE2 ORY

OR email us and we will send our bank details so you can pay on-line.

Please send us Your name and any guest's names, your address, your email and mobile or phone number. Email: Bexley arts trust@outlook.com

PLEASE NOTE: BAT does not accept liability for any kind of risk, injury, damage or loss, including for personal items, for the duration of this trip, and participants must understand that the cost of the ticket is for the provision of transport only. Any liability during the course of the trip is taken entirely at the participant's own risk.



Turner Contemporary Gallery, Margate – Free entry

https://turnercontemporary.org/

Showing until 10th September - **Beatriz Milhazes: Maresias** - a survey of the work of Beatriz Milhazes, widely recognised as one of the leading abstract artists working today.

Maresias, Milhazes' first UK solo institutional exhibition in over two decades brings together 20 key paintings and 5 works on paper from 1989 to more recent years to trace the evolution of Milhazes' artistic approach over the past four decades. A major installation is also presented in the Sunley Gallery Window.



Showing until 10th September - **Portfolio X RISE UP. CLEAN UP** in the Clore Learning Studio

Portfolio is a free platform for young people living in Kent and Medway to get their art and ideas out in the world. Each year we collaborate with a local organisation to set the brief and select work to be shown as part of our summer exhibition.

Showing until 10th September - **Lily Mixe**: *Balaenoptera Acutorostrata* in the Clore Learning Studio





Lily Mixe is originally from Paris and has lived and worked in the UK for the past ten years. Her practice revolves around drawing and painting on a variety of surfaces including paper, canvas, found objects and walls. The focus of Mixe's work is the natural world and in particular the ocean. Mixe presents subjects and specimens as otherworldly; aliens from our own planet and reminders of how beautiful and complex life on Earth can be. Using chalk collected from the beaches in Margate, Mixe has chosen to paint a life-sized Minke whale, the most commonly seen whale around the UK coastline. Chalk is comprised from planktonic remains of micro-organisms: fossils believed to be 66 to 100 million years old. Using this material to draw such a giant creature is a way to show the connection between all living things.

Showing until 1 November 2030 - Antony Gormley: Another Time



Sited in Margate, beside Turner Contemporary, you can see one of a series of one hundred, solid cast-iron figures by Antony Gormley that explore the experience of being human.

Pie Factory Margate Gallery, 5 Broad Street, Margate, CT9 1EW

FREE ENTRY

THE SUMPTUOUS SIX - Showing at the Pie Factory until 6th September — Entry Free

https://piefactorymargate.co.uk/exhibition/the-sumptuous-six-david-tovey-ewa-page-louise-arnold-beverly-johnson-paul-johnson-and-tony-caroli/

Six Artists come together to present a real mixture of art styles. David Tovey Watercolour artist, Ewa Page is a Floral, Landscape & animal artist, Louise Arnold a Wildlife, nature & portrait artist, Beverly Johnson a Print maker, Paul Johnson is a wood turner and Tony







Caroli is a glass Artist.







BAT SOCIAL EVENING – TUESDAY OCTOBER 10TH



Our next member's social evening will be held on the evening of Tuesday October 10th 2023, at Hurst Community Centre, Hurst Road, Bexley from 7.30 to 9pm - so reserve that date! This is a free event. We are lucky enough to be having a pottery demo given by the fabulous Jane Lowth, whom many of you may know since Jane worked for over 20 years teaching pottery at our local adult education classes. Just last year Jane and a colleague decided to launch their own business teaching ceramics

and created 'The Pottery Hut' in Bexleyheath. As an independent artist, Jane has also been selling her ceramic wares for many years, particularly her wheel thrown domestic ware.

However, Jane says she 'enjoys introducing people to clay and building friendly communities of potters every bit as much as making pots'.

For the demo Jane will be showing us a number of techniques and possibilities with clay and how to make a 'fantasy coffee pot'.



Refreshments will be available and we will be selling raffle tickets to raise funds for the BAT. The evening is free entry for members, but please spread the word and bring a friend - new members can join on the evening and are always welcome.





BAT WINTER OPEN EXHIBITION

Get creating! The dates for our Winter Open Exhibition are 16th November to 20th December 2023. Painting, drawing, printing, mixed media and 3D submissions are welcomed.

Further information on how to submit your work to follow in our next Newsletter and will be emailed to members. So watch this space!



BAT COMES INTO THE 21ST CENTURY!

We now have live Instagram, Facebook and Linkedin accounts.

You can view them by clicking on the links below or typing in Bexley Arts Trust on each platform.

Instagram @bexleyartstrust

Facebook (Page) @bexleyartstrust

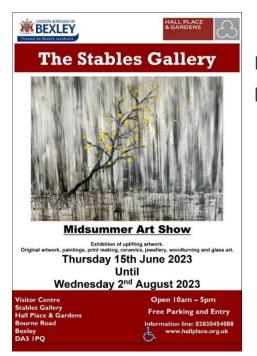
<u>LinkedIn</u> Bexley Arts Trust

Please follow us, like, comment and share! If you have any photos of your work or events or anything you would like us to feature on our social media pages please send them to: debs_53@hotmail.com

WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU

Bexley Art Group will be holding its 77th Exhibition at the Freemantle Hall, High Street, Bexley from 31st July to 12th August 2023. The exhibition will be open daily from 10am to 6pm (Sunday and last day 10 – 4pm). Admission is free. See www.bexleyartgroup.com for more details

The Stables Gallery at Hall Place, Bexley is showing a Midsummer Art Show until 2nd August. Open 10am – 5pm.



For more information see www.hallplace.org.uk Or phone 020 3045 4088

THE BOB HOPE THEATRE, Eltham, presents the Lieutenant of Inishmore on 27th – 30th September 2023 at 7.45pm

A wild, satirical, black farce. Who knocked 'Mad Padraic's' cat over on a lonely road on the island of Irishmore, and was it an accident? He'll want to know when he gets back from a stint of torture and chip shop bombing in Northern Ireland: he loves that cat more than life itself.

For tickets contact the box office on 020 8850 3702 or book on-line at bobhopetheatre.co.uk



EDWARD ALDERTON THEATRE, Brampton Road, Bexleyheath, DA7 4EZ 5th – 6th August 2023 – 8pm start – tickets £13 (£11 members)

This promises to be a hilarious collection of comedy shorts, but be aware the show contains adult humour and is only suitable for 16 and over. Tickets available online at

www.ticketsource.co.uk/edwardalderton or telephone the booking agent on0333 666 3366.

ANSELM KIEFER – FINNEGANS WAKE – TO 20TH AUGUST 2023

At White Cube Bermondsey - 144 - 152 Bermondsey Street, London SE1 3TQ

Free entry – closed Mondays https://www.whitecube.com/ Tel: +44 (0) 20 7930 5373



Echoing the oscillating quality of time that comes to bear on James Joyce's literary masterpiece, Kiefer's world sustains a constant cycle of death, regeneration and redemption.

5 minute walk from London Bridge Station, lots of fantastic cafes and pubs nearby and of course Borough Market.

Anselm Kiefer Arsenal 1970-2023

ART CLUBS OR CLASSES OR GROUPS NEAR YOU

Here are some art clubs and classes that may be of interest to members:

ARTLAB – Fun and unique tutored adult art sessions. Weds eves, Term Time only at Cleeve Park School, Art Room E6, Bexley Lane, Sidcup, DA14 4JN – Free Taster Session then £12 per session, materials included, free refreshments, for

all abilities. Have a go at printing, 3d, ceramics, all different mediums. Call 07931 824110 or email sandiehc@yahoo.com

The Bexley Art Group — The group is happy to welcome artists who would like to practise, to develop and grow their skills in all media. The group is untutored but share and learn from each other. Meeting are on Monday evenings, 7.15pm at Baldwyns Park Baptist Church Hall, Dartford Road, Bexley, DA5 2AY. For more information contact the Secretary, Marilyn Noad on 01322 430681 or go to bexleyartgroup@gmail.com

What if Gallery — anne.langouroux@ntworld.com

Crayford Art Group - lyn.hadingham@talktalk.net

Brampton Art Group – goldbergdave1@gmail.com

Dartford Art Group - ruthghoward@aol.com

Sidcup Art Group – <u>simmonsknce@aol.com</u>

The Art Class Bexley - http://www.theartclassbexley.co.uk/

– https://www.facebook.com/theartclassbexley

Art Appreciation – Learning & Enterprise College – 0300 303 3464

WEA Bexley — Adult classes art and music - www.wea.org.uk

Please let us know if you run a class and would like to be mentioned here by emailing BAT at Bexley_Arts_Trust@outlook.com

YOUR NEWS

Please let us know details of any fun art related events or news you may have to share, exhibitions you may be taking part in, theatre productions, concerts etc so that we can share them here with other members. Email BAT at Bexley_Arts_Trust@outlook.com

TELL YOUR FRIENDS

Spread the word about the Bexley Arts Trust and encourage them to join. Membership includes discount when entering into our twice yearly Open Exhibitions, regular newsletter giving information about arty events, invitations to our social evenings and events.

To join, or for more information, they can email Bexley Arts Trust@outlook.com

YOUR COMMENTS

We are always interested in your views as to how we can improve what we do or any ideas you may have to encourage the arts within the Bexley area.

Please send any comments you may have to Bexley_Arts_Trust@outlook.com

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