



Mike Hawthorne "Rat Bags" Detail



Carrie Fugurettes "Clay and Silk"

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Arts Council Chair £431 Taxi Ride

Dame Liz Forgan, chair of Arts Council England (and also chair of the Scott Trust) claimed £431 to be driven home late to London after a performance given by the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford, -reports the Sunday Times.

Her predecessor, Sir Christopher Frayling, claimed £460.72 to be driven between London and Glyndebourne. Is it any wonder that the Tories complain about the quango's use of public funds for administrative costs? We expect better.

Charlotte Higgins. guardian.co.uk,

Higher-rate tax payers missing out on donation tax relief

The Charities Aid Foundation estimates that higher-rate tax payers are missing out on over £250m of tax relief on their charitable donations because they don't know about it or don't bother to claim it. The relief of between 20 and 40 per cent of the donations can either be given to the charity, or claimed

back by the donor. If the relief is given to charity at the higher rate, for every £100 donated the charity will receive £160.20 in total.

Mike Packham, Head of Private Clients at the Charities Aid Foundation said, "The Government is looking at changing the rules surrounding Gift

Aid in the near future and one of the possibilities being discussed is the withdrawal of higher-rate tax payer relief on donations. Higher-rate taxpayers should make use of this tax relief whilst it still exists."

www.cafonline.org/Default.aspx?page=18596&WT.mc.id=914

Online Petition for Arts in Health

A petition has been placed on the **Number10** website asking for more resources to be made available within the NHS and Local Authorities for the use of the arts as an aid to recovery, well being and social inclusion for people with mental health problems.

The petition explains: "We believe that additional resources would encourage service providers to allow those with mental health

problems a wider choice of service that would be in many cases better suited for their needs, and which would allow them a greater sense of self worth, increase their mental well being, and their chances of social inclusion, and possible recovery from their illness."

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/Artworks>

Artist Submissions

Artist submissions wanted for new gallery opening in Brighton.

All types of Creativity welcome, artist, writers, poets, for future shows

Please send a statement about you and your work, as well as a website link or some images of work.

Contact:

Alice, Mary, Jayne
ae.gallery@yahoo.co.uk

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Open Submission: Willesden Green Library Centre

The Gallery at Willesden Centre needs different perspectives on contemporary visual arts practice.

The rapid development of Information Technology throughout the world has led to a radical change in business, education, leisure and the rise of social networking. In fact, all of these activities are now much more interconnected. Over last decade, our daily lives have been

expanded by the many choices that the internet gives us. But the point highlighted here is what strategies we use to approach the enormous quantity of data available to us nowadays. Is the man in the street able to face up to the avalanche of messages and adverts he lives with? Can we respond to every requirement (moral, politic, aesthetic, etc.) that is constantly sent to us from

the media? This exhibition will display the work of different artists exploring how we are managing the new problems created by information society. The exhibition will take place from 20th June to 17th July 2010. Cost is £25 per artist.

Contact: **Ignacio Casado**
nachinorama@gmail.com

Closes Friday 30 April 2010

Call for Entries: South West Contemporary Art Fair

SOUTH WEST CONTEMPORARY ART FAIR

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Autumn South West Contemporary Art Fair is open to artists in any

media. The next fair will take place at the Civic Centre in Totnes, Devon on the 23rd and 24th October 2010.

Information / application pack from www.swcaf.co.uk.

Closing date for entries:-
1st May 2010

Contact: Matthew Calder
info@swcaf.co.uk

Sculpture Commission: Finchley Memorial Hospital

Finchley Memorial Hospital, London first opened in 1908 but will be replaced by a new building, due for completion in 2012, and is looking

to commission 3 new sculptures to commemorate the original building in the new hospital garden.

Deadline for submission of proposals is 30th April 2010,
e: frances@francestobin.com

Views wanted on Social Return on investment technique

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) wants to collect a variety of views on Social Return on Investment (SROI), the technique that measures the social value of an organisation and converts it into pounds and

pence. Seasoned practitioners, novices and those who have never even heard of it can complete the online survey on the usefulness of the seven principles of SROI, with a chance to get an electronic bonus in return.

www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/news/strategy-impact/social-return-investment-does-it-resonate-you

source: VolResource

Joy of Sound: Call for Proposals

**Joy Of Sound invite proposals for their Sensorium 2010 event:-
29th April – 1st May.**

Supported by a grant from Lambeth NHS Community Services, the event will allow attendees to experience in the practice of inclusive arts, theatre, dance and music.

Proposals may include workshops, music, paintings, sculptures, installations, dance, theatre, film, photography, poetry, comedy and many other creative approaches. Closing date for receipt of proposals is 17th March:

e: William@joyofsound.net



Abstract: Justine Roland-Cal

'ARK' An exhibition of young people's artwork organized by Action space



This ARK is full of art!

ARK is an exciting group show featuring work by six young artists from Action Space's South London Young People's Group.

This spectacular exhibition explores the themes of animals and journeys. There will be a dynamic array of artwork, including drawing, painting, sculpture, photography and animation.

The young people will take you on a journey around their art world and look at how art can build a community of people with different needs who have a similar aim.

For further information:- contact **Action Space:**

Tel: 020 7209 4289
Email: sheryll@actionspace.org
www.actionspace.org

Action Space is London's leading visual arts organisation for people with learning disabilities. Launched in the 1960's. Action Space provides a range of visual arts activities from its studios in Wandsworth and Camden and also runs projects across Greater London.

Action Space runs three young people's projects, which provide young people with learning disabilities with opportunities to discover and develop their creative talents.

The South London Young People's Group is based at Studio Voltaire in Clapham.

Private View:

Friday 19th of March – 6pm to 8pm

Exhibition runs from:
Friday 19th – 25th March 2010

Gallery Opening Hours:
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat:
11 am - 6.30 pm

Last day of Exhibition:
Thursday 25th of March:
11.00am to 5.00pm

The group is comprised of 6 young artists who meet on Saturday mornings and work in a wide range of materials and techniques.

To get here:- Nearest Buses
(from Brixton/Camberwell):
35, 45, 345, P4
Nearest Train:
Loughborough Junction station

Red Gate Gallery
209a Coldharbour Lane
London SW9 8RU
Tel: 020 73260993
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www.redgategallery.co.uk



Dance Groups—Be Part of Change 4 Life

Change 4 Life is part of an NHS media campaign designed to encourage adults and children to eat healthily and move more with the intention of reducing the incidence of obesity.

It is currently focussing on dance as an enjoyable form of exercise and has a section on its website encouraging people to try different dance steps.

There is also a section where users can type in their post code to discover what dance activities are happening locally.

If you are interested to advertise your groups' activities you need to go to the Partners and Supporters part of the site and register as a Supporter.

You'll then be asked to complete a Change for Life Activity Appointment form.

In order for your group's activities to be branded with the Change 4 life logo, you need to agree to various conditions.

However in return, you become part of a well-funded marketing health promotion campaign with a large potential audience.

<http://dance.change4life.com>

ROPETACKLE

Ropetackle: Exhibition

Exhibition, Ropetackle

South East, Shoreham-by-Sea

WHO: We are seeking artists that will self-promote their exhibition with us.

WHAT: We are looking for artists to take part in an exhibition in June for the Adur festival. This will be a collective exhibition but we will be reviewing both individuals and groups who apply.

WHEN: June 2010

CHARGES: 15% commission on sales

DETAILS: When emailing please state that you are applying for "Ropetackle Exhibitions - June"

APPLY: If you feel this would suit you please contact Hermione or Janine by emailing:- **janine.mare@ropetacklecentre.co.uk** or 01273 464440.

Please include images of work, website if you have one and short statement of about your work.

Closes Thursday 1 April 2010

Contact: Hermione or Janine

janine.mare

@ropetacklecentre.co.uk



*Exhibitions
At Ropetackle*

Rowan Arts organising Islington Exhibits for Summer 2010

The Rowan Arts in partnership with Cubitt Education and St Luke's Centre is organising Islington Exhibits for the summer 2010.

The whole borough of Islington will host an Open Studios event with lots of opportunities for artists such as art residencies, open studios, artist's talks, art tours, a variety of shows...etc.

See pages 5 and 6 for more details.

To find out more, visit www.islingtonexhibits.com

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Rowan Arts

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www.therowanartsproject.com

www.hollowayartsfestival.co.uk

www.connectingconversations.org

www.islingtonexhibits.com

Rowan Arts is a charity whose aim is to bring the arts into everyday life through an artistic programme that creates connections between diverse individuals, organisations, communities and art forms

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The Mencap "Doing" Guides now available

The Mencap 'Doing...' arts guides provide ideas about running arts projects with people with a learning disability.

Both 'Doing...Drama' and 'Doing... Music' are available now as a free download. More booklets will be available very soon.

www.artspider.org.uk/resources/other_info



the Other Side gallery
Contemporary Outsider Art

Anita Jensen,
Project Manager,
The Other Side Gallery
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ISLINGTON EXHIBITS

Friday 25 June -
Sunday 4 July 2010

Get involved with **Islington Exhibits** - an initiative to unlock hidden venues in Islington and give artists and crafts persons a space to display their work.

Are you an artist with a connection to Islington?

We want to hear from artists working in all mediums and at various stages of their career - from emerging to established - who are interested in mounting their own exhibitions as part of Islington Exhibits. There will be a major open-submission exhibition: *Summer Salon at Islington Arts Factory*, alongside opportunities for contemporary and new media practitioners to participate in curated exhibitions and installation projects in emerging venues and unusual spaces. In addition we will be advertising a series of exciting artist-in-residence opportunities early in 2010.

Are you a venue in Islington that could host an exhibition?

We want to hear from schools and colleges, community centres, theatres, cafes, bars and restaurants, churches, shops and commercial premises.

Are you interested in hosting an artist-in-residence?

We can talk your business or organisation about what this means and how it would work for you.

Visit **www.islingtonexhibits.com** to join the mailing list or to register your interest as an artist or venue. Alternatively, contact us on 020 7561 1381.



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