



# Arts News



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The Sports Awards have embraced the arts through the Xpressions Leisure Grant.

The first payment for this year's Xpressions Dragons Den was awarded to Kidderminster artist Sarah Tamar for her 'Waiting' project which will be presented at KAF10.

Richard Mercer and Cabinet Member for Community and Partnership Services Marcus Hart presented the award to Sarah

at the Glades Leisure Centre on the 28<sup>th</sup> March. Sam Pagett and Laura Broad of 'The Lady and the Sax' also received the best buskers award for their popularity shown by a huge amount of KAF audience votes last year.



The Lady & The Sax receiving the 'KAF 2009 Best Buskers' award from Cllr. Marcus Hart on 28/3/10 at The Glades Kidderminster.

We are looking for applications from performers who would like to busk KAF10 now, artists are needed for Thursdays and Saturdays. Please email [arts@wyreforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:arts@wyreforestdc.gov.uk) for more details.



A new group is formulating to support the arts festival and create a valuable networking group for local artists.

At the first meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 10 artists met at the Boars Head Pub on Worcester Street to talk about issues they face in the area, funding and potential future projects.

It was agreed that we will meet each month at 5.30pm. The next meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. The group will develop

a new title and a set of aims over the next month. So if you have ideas and you'd like to join us please come along.

### Support for artists

**The National Federation of Artists Studio Providers** is a professional membership body giving voice to over 300 artists studio organisations providing affordable workspace for artists in the UK. [www.nfasp.org](http://www.nfasp.org)

## Opportunities for Artists

**Artist submissions wanted for the Coventry Open 2010**, Herbert Art Gallery & Museum

West Midlands Unpaid (Voluntary) Part time Artform: visual arts Contact: Rosie Addenbrooke [rosie.addenbrooke@theherbert.org](mailto:rosie.addenbrooke@theherbert.org)

### Description

The Herbert Art Gallery & Museum are giving the chance for artists based in the West Midlands and Warwickshire to exhibit up to three pieces of their work in the Coventry Open 2010.

From 2 April until 13 June the gallery will play host to the exhibition which will celebrate local artists whilst giving them the chance to display and sell their work.

The sixth Coventry Open promises to be an inspiring exhibition of creative talent. The exhibition is open to all West Midlands' artists working in any medium, including painting, drawing, print, sculpture, textiles, photography and film. After submission, work for the exhibition is then selected by a panel of judges; this year's expert panel is made up of artist, John Keane whose work can be seen in the gallery, fine art and photography course leader at Wolverhampton University, Su Fahy, and exhibitions officer at Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Karen MacKinnon. There is a prize of £1000 awarded by the judges to the overall winner and a Visitor Choice Prize of a solo exhibition will be offered to the artist receiving the most votes from visitors to the exhibition.

Rosie Addenbrooke, Senior Exhibitions and Events Officer said "The Coventry Open has always been an exhibition where the Herbert gives its space over to local artists across the West Midlands and Warwickshire to display and sell their own work. As a regional gallery, it's important for us to not only give access to established artists and exhibitions, but to also support the artists and community who make up our visitors.

"The date of submissions is 20 March between 10am and 4.30pm. Applicants need to bring their pieces of work to Gallery 4 along with their filled out application form which can be found on [www.theherbert.org](http://www.theherbert.org)."

Artists can submit up to three pieces for consideration on Saturday 20 March from 10am until 4.30pm, terms and conditions apply. To download the entry form and the conditions of entry please visit the Coventry Open 2010 page at [www.theherbert.org](http://www.theherbert.org).

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### **BBC Blast Recruiting Creative Young people**

Looking to get ahead in the Creative Industries and want to get experience working with BBC teams? Then apply for one of their work experience placements and get involved. They offer a range of opportunities at all levels. Visit [www.bbc.co.uk/blast](http://www.bbc.co.uk/blast) to find out more.

## Support for artists and events



Did you know KAF is on facebook it has a growing number of friends, all of them are interested in the arts in the area, so if you have an event that you wish to promote it's a great place to do it. Either become our friend and add your link or if you aren't into the social networking thing you can send us a short amount of information and we'd be happy to post it for you. Go to [facebook/Kaf Arts](https://www.facebook.com/KafArts) to find out more.



**skillset**  
The Sector Skills Council for Creative Media

### Multiplatform Bursaries

Skillset is investing £200,000 in multiplatform skills by offering **bursaries** worth up to **£800**. With 500 places available on 38 courses, Skillset can pay up to **80% of your multiplatform training costs**.

#### Eligible Multiplatform courses

Skillset's TV Skills Council, composed of key TV industry representatives, has selected a wide range of multiplatform training courses which you can use Multiplatform Bursaries to pay towards. Course topics include the following.....

- Introductions to multiplatform content creation and social media
- Multiplatform programme skills including developing and pitching, generating new projects and markets, creating and winning commissions
- Editing for multiplatform
- Encoding content
- IP rights and monetisation of content
- Project management
- Repurposing TV content
- Shooting for the web
- Writing for multiplatform
- Managing teams and performance.

Full details of each course – dates, cost and provider are on our website here.....

[http://www.skillset.org/tv/freelancers/multiplatformbursaries/article\\_6705\\_1.asp](http://www.skillset.org/tv/freelancers/multiplatformbursaries/article_6705_1.asp)

For each course, the price quoted is the **full course fee** towards which your Multiplatform Bursary will contribute. Once you have identified the course for you, visit the training provider's website and **contact the training provider directly** for more information on the course or to book a place.

Once you have booked your place, go to the Skillset website to apply for your Multiplatform Bursary:

[http://www.skillset.org/tv/freelancers/multiplatformbursaries/article\\_7461\\_1.asp](http://www.skillset.org/tv/freelancers/multiplatformbursaries/article_7461_1.asp)

Applications close on **26 March 2010**. Multiplatform Bursaries are funded by the Skillset TV Freelance Fund



If you are thinking of setting up a new business or expanding a new one you can get free advice from HM Revenue & Customs. They are running a series of workshops and roadshows around the country. If you want to know more go to:

<http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/home?r.s=m&r.l1=1073858805&r.lc=en>  
or give them a call; Newly self-employed helpline 0845 9154515

## Opportunities for Artists cont.

### SCRIPTING FUTURES



Script is delighted to announce a programme of screenwriting activity over the next few months. The programme is funded by Screen WM and delivered in partnership with Red Room Films, Animation Forum West Midlands and Hello Digital.

The programme is aimed at writers who would like to develop their skills and learn the tools of the trade. It offers a wide variety of opportunities for writers to hone their skills with input and support from writers and producers currently working in the industry. Topics range from:

- Developing ideas for film
- How to format your screenplay
- Writing sitcom
- Writing for animation
- Feature film genres



Delivered at venues across central Birmingham, the programme is an ideal opportunity for writers to get to grips with the film-making industry in the region and to further develop their careers. So if you're a writer just starting out, or a professional writer looking to expand your portfolio, do get in touch and find out if there's anything for you.

Feedback so far:

"I am so impressed with the range of workshops available as part of Scripting Futures!"  
"I checked out your web page and was so excited to see all this in Birmingham - not London - yippee!"

For further information and booking details, visit the website on [www.scriptonline.net/screen.html](http://www.scriptonline.net/screen.html) or contact Script at: [catherine.edwards@scriptonline.net](mailto:catherine.edwards@scriptonline.net)



### Graffiti Workshop - Urban Canvas return



Artist Peter Barber from Urban Canvas returns to Kidderminster after the huge success of his work on Worcester Street in 2009.

This time Peter will be running workshops to develop designs for the canal tunnel next to St. Mary's Church in Kidderminster.

If you want to be part of the team that create the final piece you must attend the first workshop. If you would like to see more of Peter's work go to

<http://www.artreview.com/profile/PeterBarber>

Where? Boars Head Pub 39 Worcester Street, Kidderminster DY10 1EW

When? Tuesday the 6th of April.

What time? 10am until 3pm

What do you need? Your imagination and clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

How much is it? FREE

Who's it for? Anyone over 13 years

Peter will talk to you about your involvement with the project during the session. You will need to be available until the 8th of April if you wish to continue to be involved.

for more information call 01562 732928

## What's On – WFDC Events – workshops - performance



### **Severn Valley Samba Band Workshops with Glamba:** Areley Kings Village Hall, Areley Kings Village Hall

Glamba are a fun theatrical percussion group who perform a unique blend of Brazilian, African and Western beats, they lead this workshops and have a friendly and fun group of regulars. They will be performing their first gigs this Autumn so look out for them. Come along to these fun and informal

Workshops and by using a wide range of instruments learn how to make an unforgettable sound. The workshops are open to people of all ages (over 8yrs) and no musical knowledge is required – just plenty of enthusiasm! An ongoing fortnightly workshop, with occasional practice sessions in between at Bishops Wood.

£3.00 per person. Refreshments included. Saturdays or Sundays around 10 am to 12 noon, these times are subject so slight change. Call for more information.

For more information call 01905 821447 or 01562 732977

[www.areleykingsvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.areleykingsvillagehall.org.uk)

**Severn Valley Samba** are performing at Artrix in Bromsgrove on Sat 27 Feb with Glamba and joining other Midland bands in Stratford-upon-Avon on 24 April to celebrate Shakespeare's birthday. Family friendly, no experience required etc.



**Painting:** We currently run arts workshops for more mature artists interested in Water Colour techniques at Church House in Stourport-on-Severn. Sessions are run by Malcolm Brookes a successful artist in his own right, on Wednesdays between 4 and 6pm. £4.00 per week or £3.00 concessions. If you are interested just turn up at the venue and talk to Malcolm or call the Arts Team at Wyre Forest District Council on 01562 732978. Please note classes are becoming full so we

recommend paying on a termly basis to guarantee your place.



**Dance:** If you are 55 years plus and would like the opportunity to increase flexibility, build strength and learn dance sequences to music from past and present, incorporating moves inspired by rock 'n' roll and salsa dance. You don't need a partner and you can drop into the course whenever you like, men and women welcome. Both sessions are £2.00 per person.

Dancefest lead 'A Chance to Dance' at the following venues:-

#### **Rock Village Hall:**

Mondays - 4th January until 15th March (excluding half term 15th Feb) 10am to 11am £2.00 per session. New term starts after Easter on the 19<sup>th</sup> April

Followed by an optional additional class – Creative Chance to Dance - Make new dances in a structured class. 11.15am – 12.15pm. £2.00 per session

#### **Areley Kings Village Hall:**

Sessions running until the 18th March, 10am to 11am with an hour to socialize afterwards. £2.00 per session. New term starts after Easter on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April

## Under 5's

### **Parents and Wobblers - Under 5's**

Toe tapping fun for toddlers and their parents with play and imaginative movement, involving rolling, wriggling, wobbling and lots more inventive ways of movement.

Sessions will to develop and affirm important developmental stages of 2 - 4 year olds through play and movement.

Parents and Wobblers is a fun, relaxed movement class, which involves both child and adult. Whether you'll be shaking your sillies out or dangling like a scarecrow, this class will entertain. The class aims to create a friendly atmosphere to encourage confidence and bonding between adult and child though shared activity.

£2.50 per child per session, Maximum of two children per adult, 12.30pm to 1.15pm

4<sup>th</sup> March – Corn Exchange, Kidderminster Town Hall

11<sup>th</sup> March - Lickhill Community Centre, Stourport

18<sup>th</sup> March – Corn Exchange, Kidderminster

New Term starts after Easter on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Kidderminster Town Hall



**Under 5's: Music and Movement – Early Ears** is a monthly session run by Craig Trafford at: **The Corn Exchange in Kidderminster Town Hall** on The first Wednesday of each month between 10.30am and 11.30am.

Craig brings his unique brand of music, songs and movement for £3.00 per child, grown ups go free.

Sessions also run at **Lickhill Community Centre, Stourport on Severn**. Sessions are on the third Friday of every month (except March when the session will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> March) All details are the same as above. New terms starts after Easter. Dates to be confirmed. Email [Karen.haynes@wyreforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:Karen.haynes@wyreforestdc.gov.uk) for more information.

### Forthcoming Shindig Shows

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Tom McConville Trio in Concert** – Celtic, Northumbrian, American, Folk and Roots. Trimpley Village Hall DY12 1NZ at 8.00pm. For more information and to book telephone 01299 861446/861376

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Louise Parker sings Jazz with the Craig Milverton Trio in Concert.** Cool jazz, remarkable voice, easy listening! Clows Top Village Hall, DY14 9GH. Supper 7pm. Performance 8pm. For more information and to book telephone 01299 832637

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Badapple Theatre Company present Back to the Land Girls.** A stunning tale of war-time work on the land. Rock Village Hall, DY14 9SD. Supper 7pm. Performance 8pm. For more information and to book telephone 01584 881570

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Pentabus Theatre present Tales of the Country.** 'A Year in Provence' with less sunshine but more laughs! Kidderminster Rose Theatre 7.30pm For more information and to book telephone 01562 742745

Look at the Web site for more details [www.shindig.org.uk](http://www.shindig.org.uk) or [www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk](http://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk)  
The new Autumn/Winter 2009/2010 Shindig brochure is out now. If you would like to be sent a copy please contact [karen.haynes@wyreforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:karen.haynes@wyreforestdc.gov.uk) or call on 01562 732978

### What's On - Other organisations

#### "ENDLESS CHANGE"

This is an exhibition of art work created by patients at Kemp Hospice. It has been largely funded by a grant from "Xpressions, Wyre Forest District Council Leisure grant scheme".

This has enabled local artist, 'DJ', to work with the patients sharing his skills and time. Most patients had never painted before but almost all have been involved. We are hoping the exhibition will give hope to people facing terminal illness and to their family and friends. The exhibition runs Sat 27th Feb till Fri 26th March in Kidderminster Library Gallery.

#### Areley Kings Village Hall

Whalebone performing at AKVH on Friday 30 April at 7.30 pm - a folky & funky acoustic band from Shropshire. Tickets £6.00 Bring your own drinks. Ring 01746 765268 for booking and info.

Craft Club - Starting Tuesday 2 March at 1.30 pm. Limited places £3.00 per session. Learn card making, cross stitch or share your own skills at this friendly new group, led by experienced crafter Jackie - Ring 07740 451 379

Hire our hall! Areley Kings Village Hall is located close to the centre of Stourport on Severn and offers a range of accommodation suitable for a range of events. With a separate meeting room, large main hall with stage, changing rooms and car park it is available for shows, fairs, conferences, smaller meetings and parties.  
[www.areleykingsvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.areleykingsvillagehall.org.uk) Ring 07939 318973 for bookings

## Funding Opportunities

### (ARTFUNDS2U)

Don't miss out on funding opportunities - even when you're out and about!

area: UK only

Do you spend a lot of time away from your computer/email but still want to keep in touch with funding opportunities? ARTFUNDS2U is a brand new service to let you know about the latest funds available to arts and crafts groups, even when you are away from your email and internet. These mobile phone text messages will ensure you remain one step ahead, and in the best possible position to take advantage of upcoming opportunities. ARTFUNDS2U gives you information on the latest funding schemes across the UK as they become available, along with notifications of upcoming funding deadlines and a links to find out how to apply.

There is a one-off charge of 98p to subscribe to the text service, and the every time we send you details of a funding opportunity you will be charged 25p per text up to a maximum of £3.50 per month (you can end your subscription at any time by texting STOP ARTFUNDS2U to 85558 - this will cost the price of a standard text message).

All profits will go towards helping Voluntary Arts provide information services to voluntary arts and crafts groups across the UK. Voluntary Arts is a charity registered in Scotland (SC 020345).

To sign up, just text ARTFUNDS2U to 63336 now.

## Recommended websites

[www.artistsonscreen.co.uk](http://www.artistsonscreen.co.uk)

If you are interested in contemporary arts check out this site to see what's on locally and nationally.

<http://www.creative-choices.co.uk> A wealth of information about careers in creative industries, networking opportunities, even a search for a mentor facility.

<http://www.wearefierce.org> lots of information and links to arts events, funding, exhibitions and opportunities around the Midlands.

## Art volunteers wanted

Friends Of St.George's Park are holding an event on April 24th to celebrate St.George's Day.

Would you be interested in getting involved as a volunteer?

We are considering hiring a stage with mic/amplifiers for possible performers.

Do you have contacts who may wish to perform or access to equipment we could hire/borrow?

Any help would be appreciated,

Bestest, Spike. (Chairman, Friends Of St.George's Park)

**Please contact [horsefairspike@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:horsefairspike@hotmail.co.uk) if you can help.**

**IF you have an event or project you would like to promote please contact us by April 26th please keep your information brief. If you would like to discuss this please give us a call.**

The Wyre Forest District Council Arts and Play Development team are: Loz Samuels and Karen Haynes. Contact us at: [arts@wyreforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:arts@wyreforestdc.gov.uk) or call 01562 732829

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