



Arts News



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KAF review – A quick overview for KAF



15,255 people attended KAF09 an increase of 2109 people.

63 local artists contributed by delivering workshops or performances and creating site specific artwork.

KAF involved 94 artists in total.

KAF hosted 43 events including, shows, workshops, street theatre, fine art exhibitions, installations, arts markets, dance, and puppetry. We hosted the Town Crier Championships.

If you had visited every event during the entire 12 days you would only have to spend £31.50.

All tickets were £5.00 or under and we raised a total £896.50.

We attracted £1350 funding. Sponsors and supporters of the festival included, The Tap House Boars Head Public House, The Reel Cinema, The Swan Centre, The Roland Hill Centre, LSD Promotions Ltd., Kidderminster Town Centre Partnership, Kidderminster Charter Trustees.

KAF cost Wyre Forest District Council a total of £0.32 per head.

KAF and Xpressions joined together to create the first commission by a local artist for the festival. James Howorth was granted £1500 towards the costs of his fine art project which on completion has been valued at £7500. The painting 'A postcard from Kidderminster' has been gifted to the town by James. It will now tour public venues on an ongoing basis. The painting is currently being hosted by KEMP hospice. The Mayor is also using the design for his Christmas card.

Artists involved reported benefits such as, gaining dramatically increased website activity, commissions of work, links with other artists in the area, a sense of being less isolated and more part of their local community. Increasing their contacts and networks and being inspired to be involved in the event in the future.

The busking element to the festival has grown this year with 12 performers busking in the town on market days. Pitches were donated by LSD Promotions with a power supply.

The online booking system worked very well for the arts festival, ticketed events sold well in advance which helped with preparation for the events. .

Some comments were:

Brings variety to Kidderminster. Creates a community atmosphere. Brings people to the town. KAF gives people opportunity to try/experience something new.

Don't forget to keep your eye on myspace.com/kidderminsterartsfestival or search Facebook for KAF Arts

Business Link – supporting local creative industries

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7 artists with their own businesses attended sessions at Bewdley Museum and Kidderminster Hub in October. All gave very positive feedback and seemed to get a lot out of the sessions. If you missed out and would like some support and advice with your business whether it be established or new, we can arrange a telephone advice session. Give us a call or drop us an email and we will be happy to arrange it for you.

What's On – Events – workshops - performance



Severn Side 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 have been leading the 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 per person 10am until 12.00, refreshments included. Sunday 1st Nov, 15th Nov
www.areleykingsvillagehall.org.uk



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 14th of September until 7th of December. No class 26.10.09 it's half term.

Areley Kings Village Hall:

17th of September weekly until the 12th of December. 10am to 11am with an hour to socialize afterwards. There is no class on 22.10.09, due to it being half term.



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 £2.50 per child, grown ups go free.

Sessions also run at **Lickhill Community Centre, Stourport on Severn**. The first session is on Friday 23rd of October, followed by 20th November, 18th of December all details are the same as above.

Forthcoming Shindig Shows

Saturday 14th November – Iestyn Edwards in a double bill – **Anything for a Tenor and Madame Galina** – Cabaret, comedy, dance and song! At Pound Green and Button Oak Village Hall at 8pm. For more information and to book telephone 01299 404172

Sunday 15th November – **Asere – Sensational Cuban Band in Concert** at Areley Kings Village Hall at 7.30pm. For more information and to book telephone 01905 621417

Friday 20th November – Angus and Ross Theatre in conjunction with Helmsley Arts Centre present – **The Mystery of Irma Vep** – a quick change dark farce! Clows Top Victory Hall at 8.00pm. For more information and to book telephone 01299 832637

Saturday 28th November – The Fairgame Theatre Company present **Beauty and The Beast**. Rock Village Hall at 2.30pm. For more information and to book telephone 01584 881570

Sunday 6th December - The Fairgame Theatre Company present **Beauty and The Beast**. Heightington Village Hall at 4.00pm. For more information and to book telephone 01299 822987

Look at the Web site for more details www.shindig.org.uk or 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.james@wyreforestdc.gov.uk or call on 01562 732978

This one-day symposium, hosted by Meadow Arts, will discuss the role of location in contemporary visual art practice.

Speakers include artists: Ivan & Heather Morison, Mariele Neudecker, Clare Woods, Cornford & Cross, Nathaniel Pitt, Yoke & Zoom and academics:

Steve Hanson and Lee Hassall. Organised in partnership with Hereford College of the Arts

Venue: The Courtyard, Hereford

Booking is essential tel: 01432 340555 www.courtyard.org.uk

www.meadowarts.org

£30 (concessions incl. students £25) a networking Lunch is provided. This event is supported by Herefordshire Council

The Art of Location Friday 6th November, 2009

Opportunities for artists

Funding Opportunities

Worcestershire County Council are conducting a series of workshops for their funding schemes. These will be run on 02.11.09 and 01.12.09 between 1 and 3pm. There will be more dates announced. To book your place call County Hall and ask for Stephen Wilson swilson@worcestershire.gov.uk Tel:01905 765754

The funding is for:

- Strategic Grants for organisations who play a major role in the artistic life of the county be it through running a venue or by running an extensive series of activities.
- In Roads for one off arts projects aimed at professional artists or those seeking to work for professionals.
- First Base, a smaller scheme aimed at the Voluntary sector.

Creative People Needed in Costa Rica, Creative Corners; The Global Arts Project C.I.C London, Central and South America Unpaid (Voluntary) Part time Artform: combined arts, dance, interdisciplinary arts, music, theatre, visual arts Contact: Monique Julian enquiries@creative-corners.com

Do you want a holiday with a difference? Want to escape it all but live as part of a community? Do you want to live just 2 minutes walk from your very own tropical beach? Well look no further Creative Corners is a volunteer organisation unlike any other - we specialise in organising tailor made volunteer travel experiences for people with creative skills or we find creative ways to use your other skills on our numerous projects. We are currently looking for volunteers for new projects in the stunning Puerto Viejo on the Caribbean Coast in Costa Rica. The project aims to create an alternative to leisure activities for the children of the village by offering creative workshops and arts activities where they can develop their creative abilities and imagination through diverse activities. You can work in an after school community centre, in a kindergarten, pre school or primary school sharing your creative skills.

If Costa Rica isn't for you then please have a look at our many other projects in Central and South America... Could you paint murals in Bolivia? Teach Dance in Guatemala? Devise a Play in Peru or lead a choir in a favela in Rio? We currently need artists and creative facilitators to support our projects throughout South and Central America.

With placements from just 2 weeks to 6 months and beyond the scope of volunteering opportunities is really up to your imagination.

Creative Corners is a registered not for profit Community Interest Company in the UK but sends worldwide volunteers to South and Central America. We work with you to come up with fundraising ideas to help get you there and give any profits back to the projects we work with to supply arts and education resources.

Even if you don't think you are 'creative' but have the passion and vision to volunteer then get in touch and let us brainstorm with you on ideas of running a worthwhile project.

Photos at <http://gallery.me.com/creativeplaces#100093>

More info at <http://www.creative-corners.com> or phone 02084326621

Musicians wanted:

Gig slots available, Soundfactory Stripped South East Closes Monday 30 November 2009 Unpaid (Voluntary) Part time Artform: music Contact: Bernice soundfactorystripped@yahoo.co.uk

Set up in August 2008, Sound Factory Stripped is run by local musician Bernice MacDonald for artists and bands who would like the opportunity to play a large pub venue, with an awesome sound system in the heart of Brighton (please note these are not paid gigs but snacks will be provided from November). Unlike SoundFactory which runs on a Friday and Saturday night, Soundfactory Stripped is especially for musicians who play acoustic music of all genres and for bands who want to showcase their songs in a different light and give a different show to their fans and friends.

Think MTV Unplugged (on a smaller scale). We give you the space to let your songs stand on their own two feet. Either a reduced drum kit or a full drum kit with brushes and hotrods is essential.

Some of the local musicians who have played this night in the past are The Long Goodbye, Loki, Jessica, Kendal Sant, Jake MacKay and Small Gods. As of November this night will be FREE entry (you lucky people!). The Providence boasts CHEAP drinks, friendly staff, food, wireless, sofas and tables and chairs.

If you would like to be considered for a slot with us please email soundfactorystripped@yahoo.com with a link to your music. Acts from all regions considered but locals preferred.

GIVE A RECITAL AT AN EXCITING NEW CAFÉ VENUE?

The recently opened cafe @ THE MARGARETT ROSE ABRI is a not for profit social enterprise project to support women and young people in the community to repair their lives by providing health care, work opportunities and guidance.

We also wish to provide a stage for local musicians, writers and artists to showcase their talents to the public in an intimate and encouraging environment reminiscent of the 1960's coffee house culture. It is a place for people relax over a coffee, enjoy conversation and make new friends- it is a place where minds can meet.

As a part of our regular musical events we are trying to offer a different way for people to get ready for the week ahead with our 'LazY Sunday Afternoon acoustic Session'. We wish to put on programs of live classical recitals once a month where people can chill out over a coffee and enjoy laid back live music of quality. Admission to these sessions is free but there would be a voluntary collection for charities such as the breast cancer charity 'BREAKTHROUGH'

If you are a soloist or small ensemble * and would like to give a recital we'd love to hear from you!

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT: email: stuartrox@stuartrox.plus.com Tel: 0121 772 1936 or 07933 786279

the Margaret Rose Abri café 58-59 Cheapside, Digbeth, (The Old Post Office) Birmingham B12 0PG

WE DON'T HAVE A PIANO BUT CAN PROVIDE A P.A. SHOULD PERFORMERS WISH TO BRING A KEYBOARD ETC *

Winterbourne seeks artists

Winterbourne Botanic Garden opened its Coach House Gallery in April 2008 and has proved successful with visitors and artists alike. They are now seeking new artists to exhibit their work in the Edwardian visitor attraction during 2010. If you would like to be considered by the selection panel or find out more contact Lee Hale on 0121 414 4944 or email L.d.hale@bham.ac.uk

Romantic Stories, The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery
West Midlands Closes Monday 16 November 2009 Unpaid (Voluntary) Part time Artform:
literature Contact: Katie katie.shingley@stoke.gov.uk

Romantic Stories

WHO: everyone, WHAT: Opportunity to submit your romantic stories (fiction or non-fiction)
for inclusion in the Romantic Proposal exhibition at The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery.
As short or as long as you like, from one sentence to short story.

WHEN: 12th Dec - April 2010

APPLY: e-mail your submission to katie.shingley@stoke.gov.uk or visit the Romantic
Proposal blog and enter your submission online.

CONTACT: katie.shingley@stoke.gov.uk www.romanticproposal.org.uk

Deadline: 16 November 2009

workshops for businesses

There are thousands of contracts being awarded by London 2012 and other public sector
organisations and many contracts have already been won by local businesses following
successful procurement.

To ensure you are equipped with the knowledge and skills to tender for contracts,
Business Link West Midlands is hosting a series of 3-hour workshops, delivered by BiP
Solutions and funded by Advantage West Midlands.

The Procurement Training Workshops have been designed to provide businesses in the
West Midlands in-depth training on the detailed procurement processes used by the
London 2012 Games and other public sector organisations.

Attending this event will help you to:

- * understand the detailed procurement processes used by the London
2012 organisations LOCOG and ODA
- * find new opportunities
- * understand the tender advert and documentation
- * develop policies and procedures
- * navigate through Pre-Qualification Questionnaires
- * apply this new expertise to the general public sector
contracting process
- * win new business from the 2012 Olympics and other public sector
organisations

All workshops start at 8.45am. For further details and to reserve your
FREE place, simply call 0845 270 7095

You can register online by visiting: www.procurementworkshops.co.uk
<<http://www.procurementworkshops.co.uk/>>

Workshop dates

Birmingham and Solihull 26/11/09, Black Country 24/02/10, Coventry & Warwickshire
03/11/09, Herefordshire & Worcestershire 18/02/10, Shropshire 12/11/09,
South Staffordshire 19/11/09, North Staffordshire 12/02/10

Flip Festival Launch Thursday 5 Nov

Animation in the West Midlands: a snapshot

7:00 – 8.45, followed by drinks and networking in the iBar

In this special launch event, we'll be asking what's the current state of the West Midlands'
animation industry? What are the highlights and achievements? How can we help the
sector develop and expand at a time of recession? This event, co-hosted by Flip, BCU,
Hello Digital and Animation Forum West Midlands, seeks to find out.

It'll include a screening of work from leading animation studios and individual filmmakers
and a panel focussing on some of the achievements and highlights from the region. The
panel will include Chris Randall from Second Home Productions, who pioneered an
innovative replacement animation technique, Andy Guest from The CharacterShop, who
are involved in a number of international co-production projects, Sam Moore, filmmaker
specialising in animated documentary and Dan Lawson, Head of Production,
Development and Inward Investment at Screen WM.

This is a great opportunity to find out more about animation in the region, and to join the
debate about how to help the sector develop and expand.

Join us after in the iBar, for drinks, socialising and live music from the Young Runaways. There will be laptops available to show work and showreels.

**Free event at
Birmingham City University, Faculty of Technology, Engineering and the Environment City Centre Campus, Millennium Point, Birmingham, B4 7XG.**
To reserve a place, contact info@light-house.co.uk, www.flipfestival.co.uk

Venue for hire

Church House is situated in the village of Areley Kings near Stourport on Severn adjacent to St Bartholomew's Church. It is a half timbered Tudor structure which was originally built in 1536 and has been restored tastefully and sympathetically to provide two meeting rooms, kitchen and toilet facilities. It is available for hire for classes, seminars, workshops, dinner parties, clubs or societies. For more information please contact Mr W Wood on 01299 826011 or email wheelhouse@dsl.pipex.com

Recommended websites

www.copor.co.uk Celebratory and Outdoor Performance Online Resource
This website is aimed at providing an easy to use and flexible networking and archiving tool for artists, producers and enthusiasts of outdoor and celebratory arts. Add your own events or find out what's on, this is a really useful site, just set up so not very populated at the moment, but definitely worth keeping an eye on.

www.easwestmidlands.org.uk

is an exciting new resource for the West Midlands region designed to support educators in both formal and informal settings, artists, arts and cultural organisations in all arts education work. The service is funded by Arts Council England and is the free online arts education platform for the West Midlands regions. EAS West Midlands will help to facilitate successful partnerships between young learners and the arts and creative industries, to provide projects that will open pathways and inspire the creation of fresh, new art reflecting the experiences of young people in the West Midlands. The website's key resource is the searchable Arts Directory, where educators and youth practitioners can search for arts partners - all of whom carry current CRB disclosure checks and references. You will find practical support on setting up and delivering projects, regular news bulletins and a range of interactive features enabling users to comment and discuss issues, review projects, submit case studies, highlight best practice and advertise opportunities

Highlights include:

The Arts Channel

Specialist content for arts, culture and creative industry professionals working with children and young people.

The Education Channel

Specialist content for teachers, youth and education professionals seeking to engage with the arts, cultural and creative sectors. The section includes an area dedicated to the Diploma in Creative and Media, with supporting resources and model projects.

The Arts Directory

A growing directory of arts and creative industry practitioners and organisations working in formal and informal education.

Email Bulletins

Sign up for regular updates on the latest news and events in the arts education sector.

Contributed Content

Publicise your own arts and education related news, events and showcase your work.

Knowledgebase

Comprehensive listings of publications, funders, online resources, umbrella bodies, local contacts and much, much more.

If you would like more information: The Wyre Forest District Council Arts and Play Development team are: Loz Samuels and Karen James. Contact us at: arts@wyreforestdc.gov.uk or call 01562 732829 www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk