



Art Week Exeter

22–28 May 2018

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Art Week Exeter (AWE) is the annual city-wide art festival in Exeter, Devon. Its aim is to encourage and frame artistic activity: this involves working with artists, producers, organisations, venues and local government to produce a programme that showcases the best Exeter has to offer, alongside the work of nationally- and internationally-renowned artists.

Programme announcements

The next AWE will take place 22–28 May 2018. Detailed planning is underway. Upcoming events already confirmed include:

The AWESome Art Space

Up to and including Art Week Exeter (to 28 May 2018)

A new development for 2018, AWE has partnered with Exeter's Princesshay to make use of an unoccupied shop unit on Paris Street in central Exeter. Bringing a 'Left Bank' ambience to the city, the AWESome Art Space will host selling exhibitions, events and workshops over the six months leading up to Art Week Exeter itself. The successful AWESome Christmas Art Gallery has already drawn interest and involvement from the public as well as sales for participating artists.

Next up is *The Ziggurat*, an interactive sculpture from artist Stuart Crewes, running from 6 January to 1 February 2018. From 3 February artist Sissy Lange will be showing her work, turning the space into an impromptu casino. Local artists will then be showing and selling their work in the run up to Art Week Exeter itself, when all participating artists will be invited to exhibit in the AWESome Art Fair.

Another Spring

4 May – 17 June 2018

Exeter Phoenix

An exhibition brought to Exeter Phoenix by AWE in collaboration with well known art historian, critic and curator Dr Jean Wainwright. This is a timely reflection on trends and

developments of nationalistic impulses in Western society. Will fear of 'invasion' and economic erosion by 'outsiders' close our borders in the future?

Pop Art in Print

12 May to 26 August 2018

Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery

Drawn from the V&A's outstanding collection of Pop Art graphics, this is the V&A's first exhibition of Pop Art prints. Bringing together over seventy works, this exhibition offers a comprehensive and exciting view of artists working in this style from the 1960s to the early 2000s. Inspired by commercial graphics and popular culture, the movement generated an innovative and prolific culture of printmaking.

The work of over 30 artists are features in the exhibition. Amongst the most iconic are Andy Warhol, Allen Jones, Robert Indiana, Roy Lichtenstein, Patrick Caulfield, Richard Hamilton, Gavin Turk and Julian Opie.

Contemplations at St Martin's Church

During Art Week Exeter (22–28 May 2018)

St Martin's Church, Cathedral Close

A celebration marking the 250th anniversary of the Royal Academy with a centrepiece by Peter Randall Page, RA – the only RA based in Devon, and a local artist through and through.

The Art Car Boot Sale

27 May 2018

At a venue to be announced, this is a chance to buy affordable art or just wander around and take in the range of work on show, in a friendly family setting.

The Lonely Arts Column

Up to and including Art Week Exeter (to 28 May 2018)

A chance for business to interact with artists and see how they get on in a week-long 'blind date'! Catch the preparations, interviews and consequences on artweekexeter.org.uk

Opportunities

Artists

AWE invites artists to get involved, by opening studios, and presenting exhibitions, events and projects in spaces throughout the city. Registration for artists is now open: AWE's 'artist compact' – the artist and festival agreement – can be found at artweekexeter.org.uk/artists, along with an online registration form.

Businesses

AWE is growing year-on-year, thanks to the support of local (and not so local) businesses. It provides a lively, high-profile way to showcase brands and demonstrate investment in Exeter. Full details of the opportunities on offer for 2018 can be found at artweekexeter.org.uk.

Resources

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